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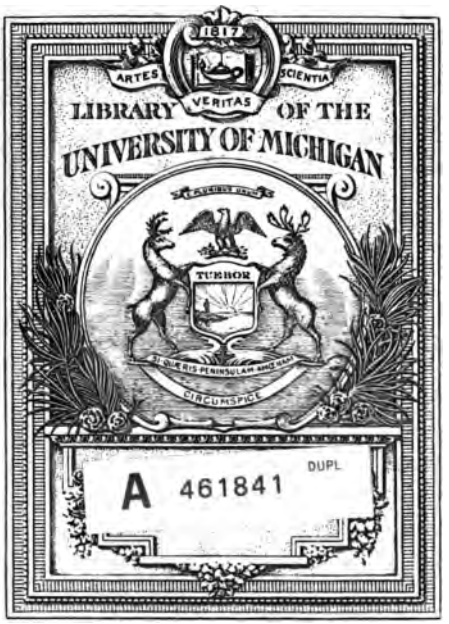

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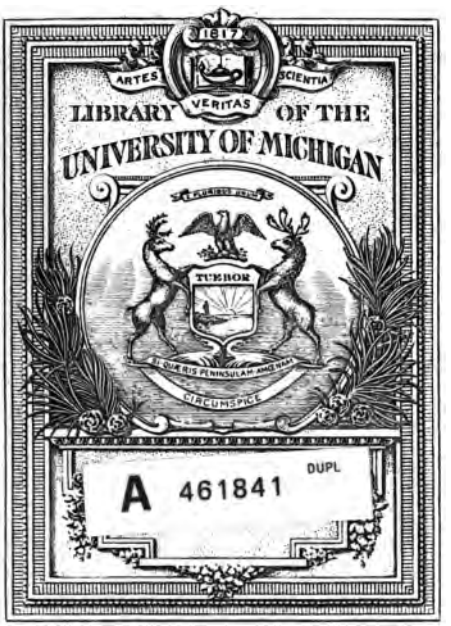
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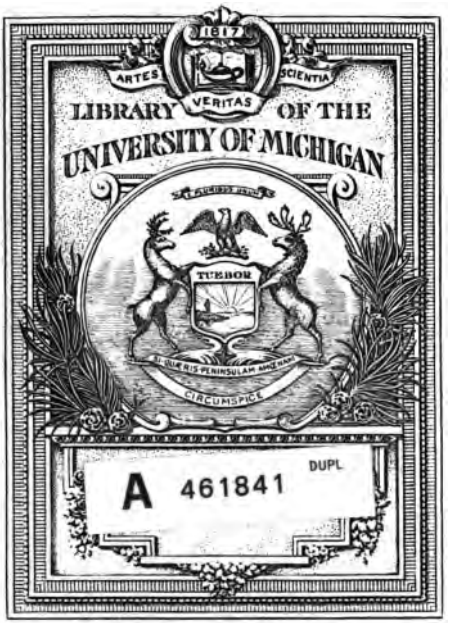
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IN Assembly 1638, the Marquess, afterwards Duke of *Hamiltoun*.
Assembly 1639, The Earl of *Traquair*.
Assembly 1640, No Commissioner.
Assembly 1641, Earl of *Wemyss*.
Assembly 1642, Earl of *Dumfermling*.
Assembly 1643, Sir *Thomas Hope* of *Craigball*, His Majesty's Advocate.
Assemblies 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, and 1649, No Commissioners, but the King writes a Letter to Assembly 1646, shewing that he could not conveniently send a Commissioner.
Assemblies 1690, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, and 1699, *John* Lord *Carmichael*, afterward Earl of *Hyndford*.
Assembly 1692, *Robert* Earl, afterwards Marquess of *Lothian*.
Assemblies 1700 and 1703, *James* Viscount, afterwards Earl of *Seafield*, now Earl of *Findlater*.
Assemblies 1701, 1705, and 1711, *William* Earl, afterwards Marquess of *Annandale*.
Assembly 1702, *Patrick* Earl of *Marchmont*.
Assembly 1704, *William* Lord *Ross*.
Assemblies 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, *David* Earl of *Glasgow*.
Assemblies 1711, 1713, and 1714, His Grace *John* Duke of *Atholl*.
Assemblies 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, and 1720, *John* Earl of *Rothes*.

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LIST of the ſeveral MODERATO of our General Aſſemblies, from 1638, 1720, both *Inclusive*.

1, 6. Aſſemblies *Glaſgow* 1638, and *burgh* 1643, Mr. *Alexander Hend*

2. Aſſembly *Edinb.* 1639, Mr. *David Bu*

3, 4. Aſſemblies *Aberdeen* 1640, and St. *drews* and *Edinburgh* 1641, Mr. *An Ramſay.*

5, 8, 10, 12. Aſſemblies St. *Andrews* 1642, and *burgh* 1645, 1647, and 1649, Mr. *Douglas,*

7. Aſſembly *Edinburgh* 1644, Mr. *Bonnar.*

9. Aſſembly ——— 1646 Mr. *Robert*

11. Aſſembly ——— 1648, Mr. *Gilleſpie.*

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15. Aſſembly ——— 1694, Mr. *John*

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18, & 23. Aſſemblies ——— 1698 and Mr. *George Meldrum.*

19. Aſſembly ——— 1699, Mr. *Hamilton.*

20. Aſſembly ——— 1700, Mr. *David*

21. & 24. Aſſemblies ——— 1701, & 1704, *Thomas Wilkie.*

22. Aſſembly ——— 1702, Mr. *Williamſon.*

25, 28, 31, & 35. Aſſemblies ——— 1705, 1708, & 1715, Mr. *William Carſtairs.*

26, 33, & 38, Aſſemblies ——— 1706, 1713, 1718, Mr. *William Wiſheart.*

27. Aſſembly ——— 1707, Mr. *John St*

29. Aſſembly ——— 1709. Mr. *John*

30, 34, & 37. Aſſemblies ——— 1710, 1717, Mr. *William Miſebel.*

32, 36, & 40. Aſſemblies ——— 1712, 1716, 1720. Mr. *William Hamilton.*

39. Aſſembly ——— 1719. Mr. *Grierſon.*

AN ABRIDGMENT OF THE ACTS OF The GENERAL ASSEMBLIES of the Church of *Scotland*.

Digeſted into HEADS, ſet down after the Order of the Alphabet.

A.

Abbots, ſee *Titles of Dignity*.

Aberdeen, ſee *Angus*, ſee *North*, *Act* 14. § 6, 10, *&c.*

Abjuration Oath, ſee *Unity in the Church*, ſee *Grievances of the Church*.

THE Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the Aſſembly 1711, about the Oath of Abjuration, and more eſpecially the Addreſs and Repreſentation made to the Queen in that Matter, are approven, and judged to have been true, dutiful, faithful and moſt ſeaſonable, and the ſaid Addreſs is, by Order of Aſſembly, inſert *Verbatim* in the Act; and the Aſſembly does in the Words of the foreſaid Oath, ſolemnly declare and aſcertain their Allegiance to the Queen, their diſowning and diſclaiming the

Pretender, and they promiſe to maintain the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and do moſt ſeriouſly obteſt all the Miniſters and Members of this Church, whatever may be their different Practice, to entertain a good Underſtanding herein. *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1712.

II. THE Aſſembly, in an Addreſs to the Queen, do ſuggeſt to her Majeſty, That a Scruple remained with many, as if the Conditions mentioned in the Acts of Parliament, eſtabliſhing the Succeſſion to the Crown, referred to in the Oath of Abjuration, were to be underſtood as a Part thereof, which is judged inconſiſtent with their known Principles; and therefore plead to be relieved in the Terms of the Treaty and Articles of Union; and they do renew the Declaration and Aſſertion of their Loyalty to her, and their Concern for the Proteſtant Succeſſion, which is expreſt in the Act lately above inſerted, and do declare their Willingneſs, to affirm the Points thereof by their great Oath, if therein required: And do therefore earneſtly plead, that ſuch as may remain unclear, as to the taking of the Oath as it ſtands, may be favourably regarded by her Majeſty, as her moſt loyal and dutiful Subjects; and that ſhe would interpoſe for their Relief. *Act* 17. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Abroad, ſee *Children, &c.* ſee *Papiſts.*

ALL young Men educated in this Church, or Students of Divinity are diſcharged to go to Foreign Places, and there offer themſelves to Trials, for Licence to Preach the Goſpel, and Ordination to the Holy Miniſtry, unleſs they carry along with them ſufficient Teſtimonials from the Profeſſors of Divinity under whom they ſtudied, if they have attended the Profeſſion of Divinity, and from the Miniſter of the Pariſh, and Preſbytery of the Bounds where they reſided: And Preſbyteries are diſcharged to grant ſuch Teſtimonials, except upon due Enquiry into the Perſon's Life and Converſation, Soundneſs in the Faith, Proficiency in Studies and Abilities, and Fitneſs for the Miniſterial Function: And the Commiſſion is appointed to acquaint Miniſters in Foreign Places, where young Men or Students not qualified as above may be, with this Act, and advertiſe them what Teſtimonials they ought to receive. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Abſconding, ſee *Fugitives from Diſcipline.*

Abſence of Husbands.

If a married Woman, whoſe Husband has been abſent beyond the ordinary Time that Women uſe to go with Child, be found with Child, this may give Ground to a Kirk Seſſion for a Proceſs againſt her; but in this Caſe, Judicatories would prudently conſider all Circumſtances, and whether the Perſon has been always of entire Fame before, and how the publick Fame now runs. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 4. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Abſence of the Party, ſee *Probation*, ſee *Excommunication the Greater*, § 7, 8, &c.

Abſents, ſee *Preſbyterial Meetings*, *Ordering the Aſſembly Houſe*, *Aſſemblies*, *Act* 3. *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies*, *Act* 41, 43, 44.

I. That Abſents from Preſbyteries be Cenſured. *Act Seſſ.* 23, 24. *Decemb.* 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. That every Commiſſioner from Preſbyteries and Univerſities, who ſhall be abſent from the Aſſembly, without a reaſonable Excuſe notified to the Aſſembly; or, who being preſent, ſhall go from the Aſſembly before the diſſolving thereof, without Licence, ſhall be ſuſpended by the Aſſembly, until the Provincial Synod next thereafter following. *Act Seſſ.* 27. *Aug. ult. Aſſ.* 1647.

Abſolution, ſee *Groſs Scandals.*

I. A Perſon cenſured and abſolved from his Scandal in another Congregation than where he lives, is to bring a Teſtimonial of his Abſolution, which is to be intimated in the Congregation he lives in, if the Scandal be alſo flagrant there, otherwiſe it will be ſufficient to intimate the ſame to the Seſſion; and the ſame is to be done in the Caſe of the Profeſſion of Repentance, where there has been a Sentence of the Leſſer Excommunication. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 19. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

II. If after Excommunication, Signs of Repentance appear in the Excommunicated Perſon, and an humble Deſire of recovering Peace with God and his People, and to be reſtored to the Communion of the Church, and the Presbytery, upon his Application, be ſatisfied therewith, and give Warrant for his Abſolution, he is to be brought before the Congregation, to make free Confeſſion of his Sin, and Sorrow for it; and this Appearance is to be as often, as ſhall be found for Edification, and Trial of the profeſſing Penitent's Sincerity: And being ſatisfied in this, the Miniſter and Congregation are to praiſe God, for his bleſſing the Ordinance, and making it effectual. But before the Miniſter proceed to Abſolution, he is to pray, with the Congregation, That God would mercifully accept his Creature, the Perſon to be abſolved, and that it would pleaſe God, by his Spirit and Grace, to make him a ſincere and unfeigned Penitent, and ſo to accept him, that his former Diſobedience may never be laid to his Charge; and that he may increaſe in all Godlineſs, and Satan in the End may be troden under Foot by the Power of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and God may be glorified, the Church edified, and the Penitent ſaved in the Day of the Lord. *Form Proc. Cap.* 9. § 1. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. Then ſhall follow the Sentence of Abſolution, in theſe, or the like Words: *Whereas thou* N. *haſt been, for thy Sins, ſhut out from the Communion of the Faithful, and haſt now manifeſted thy Repentance, wherein the Church reſteth ſatisfied; I, in the Name of the Lord Jeſus, before this Congregation, pronounce and declare thee abſolved from the Sentence of Excommunication formerly denounced againſt thee, and do receive thee to the Communion of the Church, and the free Uſe of all the Ordinances of Chriſt, that thou mayeſt be Partaker of all his Benefits to thy eternal Salvation.* Ibid. § 2. After the Sentence of Abſolution, the Miniſter ſpeaketh to him as a Brother, exhorting him to watch and pray, and comforting him as there ſhall be Cauſe. The Elders embrace, and the whole Congregation holdeth Communion with him as one of their own; and the Abſolution ſhould be intimated in all the Churches where the Excommunication was intimated. *Ibid.* § 3.

Accuſers, ſee *Informers*, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 5. § 3, 4.

Acts of Aſſembly, ſee *Novations.*

I. THAT all Acts made anent keeping of the Aſſemblies be obſerved. *Act Seſſ.* 23, 24. *Decemb.* 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 9.

II. ALL Commiſſioners from Presbyteries, Burghs and Univerſities, ordained to get under the Clerk's Hand an *Index* of the Acts, till the Acts themſelves be extracted, and thereafter to get the full Extract of the whole general Acts to be inſert in their Presbytery Books; whereby all their Proceedings may be regulate in Time coming. Likeas, 'tis recommended to every Kirk Seſſion to obtain an Extract of theſe Acts, *Act Seſſ.* 26. *Decemb.* 20. *Aſſ.* 1638. This Act innovated by the following Acts.

III. AN Overture, That ſome Commiſſioners be appointed to viſite and peruſe the whole Acts of General Aſſemblies, and to mark ſuch Acts as are for the Uſe of the Kirk in general, and to extract the ſame out of the Regiſters, to the Effect, that after they be tried they may be printed, according to the old Act of the Aſſembly at *Edinburgh*, *March* 7. 1574. *Seſſ.* 9. is allowed and remitted to the Care of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and they to Report to the next Aſſembly. *Act Seſſ.* 22. *Aug.* 29. *Aſſ.* 1639. *Art.* 1.

IV. 'TIS recommended to every Pariſh and Seſſion, to buy the printed Acts of the Aſſembly, and Presbyteries are ordained to crave Account thereof from every Miniſter, before their going to Provincial Aſſemblies; and that every Provincial Aſſembly crave Account from Presbyteries in their Trials, if every Seſſion be ſo provided, and that they try the Diligence of Presbyteries and Miniſters uſed for that Effect. *Act Seſſ.* 18. *Feb.* 12. *Aſſ.* 1645.

V. 'TIS Enacted, That when any Thing of publick Concern and great Weight is propoſed to the Aſſembly, to be paſt as Overtures, or Acts, for a ſtanding Rule to the Church, after the firſt Reading, it be delayed till the next Day of the Aſſembly's Sitting, and ly on the Table to be ſeen and conſidered by all Members; and likewiſe, when any Thing is paſt, as Overtures, by the Aſſembly, that all and every Presbytery read them publickly in their Presbyterial Meeting, once before the firſt Meeting of the Synod next after the Aſſembly, and conſider

consider them, and that this be recorded in their Presbytery Book, and enquired into by their Synods in visiting Presbytery Books. And it is recommended to all Presbyteries, to send in an Account of their Judgment and Opinion thereanent; with their Commissioners to the Assembly, in Writ, but as briefly as may be, and the Overtures to be printed after the Acts. And it is appointed that each Minister and Kirk Session have a Copy of all the printed Acts of the Assembly; and that Enquiry be made into this at Presbyterial and Synodical Censures, and their Diligence Recorded. *Act* 16. *Ass.* 1700.

VI. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, who want the Acts of former Assemblies, to furnish themselves therewith; and the Agent for the Kirk is appointed in all Time coming, after every Assembly, as soon as the Acts thereof shall be printed, to transmit as many Copies of the same to every Presbytery within the Kingdom, as will serve them, and each Parish within their Bounds; and both Presbyteries and Sessions are ordained, at their first Meeting after receiving the said Acts, to cause read the same, at least so many of them as are of publick Concern, and which relate to themselves, in order to their observing thereof, and all this to be upon the Charges of the several Presbyteries and Sessions; and Synods are enjoined to enquire at Presbyteries, how this Act is observed, and cause mark their Diligence thereanent in their Books, and the Commission to use their Endeavours that this Act may be made effectual, and duly observed by these concerned. *Act* 18. *Ass.* 1705.

Acts of Parliament, see *Pecunial Pains*, see *Penalties*.

Acts of Provincial Assemblies, see *Provincial Assemblies*.

Act of Secret Council, see *Confession of Faith*.

Adamson, (Mr. *John*) see *Separatists*.

Address, see *Representation*, see *Abjuration*.

I. Address by the Assembly to King *William*, upon the Occasion of the Peace concluded at Reswick, betwixt his

his Majeſty and his Allies, and the *French* King. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1698.

II. ADDRESS by the Aſſembly to Queen *Anne*, repreſenting the Church's Grievances from the extraordinary Growth of Popery, the Diſorders of ſome of the Epiſcopal Clergy, and the Abounding of Immorality and Prophaneneſs, and begging Redreſs. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1703.

III. ADDRESS by the Aſſembly to the Queen, humbly thanking her for her tender Care of this Church, and for her gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of their Brethren, the diſtreſſed and perſecuted Proteſtants of *France*. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1707.

IV. AN other Addreſs, congratulating with her Majeſty, the defeating of the late Attempt of an Invaſion from *France* in favour of the Pretender. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1708.

V. THE Aſſembly addreſſes the Queen, begging. That ſhe would give Countenance to ſuch Requeſts as might be laid before her, by their Commiſſion for a Redreſs of the Church's Grievances, and would interpoſe her Royal Authority for that End. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1712.

VI. THE Aſſembly, in an Addreſs, Congratulates her Majeſty, upon her Recovery from a late Indiſpoſition. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1714.

VII. THE Aſſembly, by an Addreſs, lays before the Queen, the extraordinary Growth of Popery, and Inſolence of Prieſts and Papiſts, by avowedly keeping, and reſorting to Chappels and Maſs-meetings, and alſo the Diſorders of ſome of the Epiſcopal Clergy. They vindicate themſelves from the Aſperſions of Diſloyalty caſt upon them, by thoſe who are diſaffected to the Proteſtant Succeſſion and Church Eſtabliſhment; and they regrete the abounding of Error and Prophanity; and humbly entreat for a vigorous Execution of the Laws againſt Popery and Prophaneneſs; and that all Practices and Attempts againſt Religion and the Church Eſtabliſhment might be prevented and puniſhed. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1714.

VIII. THE Aſſembly, in an Addreſs, do Congratulate his Majeſty King *George*, in moſt affectionate Expreſſions, upon the ſuppreſſing of the late Rebellion. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1716.

Admiſſion of Miniſters, ſee *Intrants*, ſee *Expectants*, ſee *Miniſters Admiſſion.*

Admonition, ſee *Single Acts of Scandal*, ſee *Uncleanneſs*, ſee *Appeals*, *Act* 6. § 8. ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 5. § 8. ſee *Excommunication the Greater*, § 8, 9.

Adviſing of Cauſes.

After Depoſitions are ended, and Parties removed, the Judicatory at the ſame Time, or ſome After-Diet thereto appointed, are to adviſe the Cauſe, and in doing thereof to Reaſon calmly, ſpeaking always to the Moderator one after another, without interrupting one another, uſing no reflecting Language to or of one another, nor too long Harangues or Digreſſions. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 15. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Adulteries, ſee *Groſs Sins*, ſee *Remedies of Sins, and there Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, ſee *Groſs Scandals.*

If a Woman with Child confeſs ſhe was not forced, but doth not know the Man, whether Married or Unmarried, the ſame Cenſure is to be inflicted upon her, as in the Caſe of Adultery. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 11. *in fine. Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Affairs publick, ſee *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies.*

Age of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters Admiſſion.*

Allowance to Probationers ſent to the North, ſee *North*, *Act* 14. § 6.

Ambitus reus, ſee *Miniſters, and there Corruptions in their Office*, § 13.

Anabaptiſtical Errors, ſee *Books Erroneous.*

Angus and Mearns, ſee *Correſpondents.*

I. The Provincial of *Angus*, ordained to keep their *Firſt Meeting* upon the 3d Tueſday of *April*, conform to the

the Act of the Aſſembly at *Glaſgow*, *Seſſ.* 7. *March* 26. 1638. *Act Seſſ.* 13. *Aug.* 6. *Aſſ.* 1642. *prope finem.*

II. THE Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns* diſjoined from that of *Aberdeen*, and appointed to meet in two diſtinct Synods, in their uſual Places, according to *Act* 1638. Which ſee in *Provincial Aſſemblies*, *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1701.

Annexation, ſee *Stranraweer* Presbytery, ſee *Daly*.

Anſwer, ſee *Letter*, ſee *Declaration*.

Antinomian Errors, ſee *Books Erroneous*.

Apology for Bourignon, ſee *Bourignon*.

Apoſtates, ſee *Papiſts and Popery*.

Appeals or Appellations, ſee *Tranſplantations*, &c. *Citation*, *Aſſemblies*.

I. THAT in all Time thereafter, no Appellations be leaping over either Presbytery or Synod. but to aſcend by Degrees; as, from the Kirk-ſeſſion to the Presbytery, or from the Presbytery to the Synod, and from the Synod to the General Aſſembly; except it be after the Synod be paſt, and immediately before the General Aſſembly, or in the Time thereof: And all former Acts made to this Effect are renewed. *Act Seſſ.* 23. *Aug.* 30. *Aſſ.* 1639. *prope finem.*

II. THAT the foreſaid Act anent Appellations, be extended alſo to References; and that in Appellations and References of particular Concernment, if all Parties having Intereſt, have been preſent in the inferior Judicatory when the Appeal and Reference was made, then there is no Neceſſity of Citation: But in caſe of their Abſence, Citation of Parties is ſo neceſſar, that if it be wanting, Appellations and References ſhould not be received. *Item.* That conform to former Acts of Aſſemblies, Appellations *poſt Sententiam* be made within 10 Days after the Sentence, and otherwiſe not to be reſpected. *Overt. Seſſ.* 2. *Art.* 3, 4, 5. *Aug.* 3. *Aſſ.* 1643.

III. FOR clearing the Senſe of *Art.* 5. abovementioned, it is declared, That if Appellations *poſt latam Sententiam*, be not preſented to the Judicatory when the Sentence *is pronounced*, the Party ſhall then immediately after

after the Sentence, proteſt for Liberty of Appeal, as he ſhall ſee Cauſe; and accordingly within 10 Days ſhall give in his Appeal in Writ under his Hand, either to the Judicatory, or the Moderator thereof, otherwiſe the Appeal is not to be reſpected. *Act S.S.* 30. *Aug.* 5. *Aſſ.* 1648.

IV. That any Appeals made in Writ under the Appellant's Hand, with the Reaſons thereof, in Preſence of the Judicatory appealed from, ſhall be Extracted by the Appellant in due Form, from the Records of the ſaid Judicatory, and produced to the Judicatory appealed to, at the diſcuſſing thereof, with a Citation of the Parties Defenders therein, either *apud acta*, if they be preſent when the Appeal is made, or a ſeparate Citation, if they be abſent; and that all Parties, who have immediately after Sentence verbally appealed, and proteſted for Liberty to give in their ſubſcribed Appeals, with the Reaſons thereof, within the Space of 10 Days thereafter, according to the former Practice, ſhall, within that Space, give in their ſaid ſubſcribed Appeals, with the Reaſons thereof, to the Clerk of the Judicatory appealed from, notwithſtanding it may be up before that Time; And likewiſe, that they ſhall within the ſame 10 Days, intimate their ſaid Appeal, with the Reaſons of the ſame, to the Moderator of the ſaid Judicatory, and leave an authentick Copy thereof with him. Which Appeals and Reaſons, are allowed to be regiſtrate by the Clerk, and Summons to be directed by him, for citing the Parties Defenders thereupon, and Extracts thereof, with the Citation foreſaid, are appointed to be produced by the Appellants at diſcuſſing, to the Judicatory appealed to; and the Clerk of the Judicatory appealed from, is appointed to intimate to the ſaid Judicatory, at their firſt Meeting thereafter, that ſuch Appeals were given in to him; and all Defenders in Appeals, who inſiſt for diſcuſſing thereof, are appointed to produce Extracts of the ſaid Appeal, and Reaſons thereof, to the Judicatory appealed to. And it is declared, that any Appeals or Inſiſtings thereanent otherwiſe made, ſhall be rejected. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1694.

V. The Appeals and Proteſtations made to the Aſſembly 1696, from the Committee of Aſſembly 1694, for the *North*, declared to be deſerted and fallen from, as becauſe not inſiſted in before that Aſſembly. *Act* 26 *Aſſ.* 1695.

VI. Act

VI. All Perſons who judge themſelves leſed by a Kirk-ſeſſion, may appeal to the Presbytery at paſſing of the Sentence, and ſhould thereupon, according to the foreſaid *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1694. give in the Appeal, with the Reaſons thereof in Writ, to the Moderator, or Clerk of the Seſſion, within 10 Days after Appealing, and procure and preſent Extracts thereof to the next Meeting of the Presbytery thereafter, if there be at leaſt 10 free Days betwixt the Time of Appealing and the Meeting of the Presbytery, and ſhould then inſiſt; wherein if the Appellant fail, the Appeal *ipſo facto* falls, and becomes null, and he is to be held as Contumacious, and proceeded againſt accordingly by the Kirk-ſeſſion. *Form. Proc. Cap.* 8. § 1. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. When a Cauſe brought by an Appeal to the Presbytery is of that Nature as it muſt at length have come there by the Courſe of Diſcipline, before the final Determination thereof; then they may fall upon the Conſideration of the Affair, without inſiſting much upon the *bene* or *male Appellatum*, tho it ſeems to be prepoſterouſly appealed. *Ibid.* § 2. But if the Kirk-ſeſſion be competent, even to its ultimate Deciſion, and that there be good Ground to Appeal, the Preſbytery is not to ſuſtain the Appeal. *Ibid.* § 3. If the Presbytery do not ſuſtain the Appeal, and find there hath been ſome Fault, Paſſion, or culpable Miſtake in the Appellant, the Presbytery is to inflict ſome Cenſure on theſe Appealers they find to have been malicious or litigious; and that beſides remitting back to the Seſſion, to ſtand either to the Cenſure of the Seſſion, if it be inflicted already, or to fit themſelves during the Proceſs, if it be depending. *Ibid.* § 4. If the Appeal be ſuſtained, and yet upon Proceeding on the Cauſe the Presbytery find the Appellant Cenſurable, then whatever Cenſure be inflicted to remove the Offence he hath given to the Presbytery; yet the Appellant, if found guilty, is to undergo a Cenſure, either before the Kirk-ſeſſion, or Congregation he belongs to, ſuch as the Presbytery thinks he deſerves. *Ibid.* § 5. If the Presbytery find the Seſſion has proceeded unwarrantably, and that thereby the Appellant is leſed, he is not only to be abſoilzied, but the Presbytery is to do what's proper and effectual to vindicate his Innocence, and wipe off the Scandal taken at him. *Ibid.* § 6. But this is to be done with great Prudence, that the Seſſion's Authority may not be weakned, if it can be avoided. *Ibid.* § 7. But the Presbytery may

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give the Miniſter and Elders ſuitable Injunctions Rules, or private Admonitions, or may reviſe their I ſter. § 8. The ſame Method is to be followed in peals from Presbyteries to Synods, and from Synod General Aſſemblies. *Ibid.* § 9. An Appeal ſhould Execution only while it is duly and diligently proſec and may be determined; otherwiſe not, unleſs the J catory appealed to, receive the Appeal, and take the fair before them; and in that Caſe, the Judicatory pealed from, is to ſiſt until the Appeal is diſ *Ibid.* § 10.

Application of Doctrine, ſee *Silence of M ſters, ſee Miniſters, and there, Corruption their Callings.* § 9.

Arch-Deacons, ſee *Titles of Dignity.*

Argyle.

THE Presbytery of *Skye* adjoined to the Provi of *Argyle*. *Act Seſſ.* 7. *in fine*. Aug. 3. *Anno* 1642.

Army.

I. *Act*, Laying down a Method for the more duly plying of the Regiments in the Army with Mini and relieving of ſuch as are ſent. *Seſſ.* 6. June 3 1644.

II. IT's recommended to Miniſters, Kirk-ſeſſions, others concerned, where any of his Majeſty's Force or ſhall be ordered to be quartered, to provide with convenient Seats for hearing with the ſaid Co gations, and to inſpect and notice them, as they do Pariſhioners, during their abode there; and if Nec to apply to the Commanding Officers, for taking that Inferior Officers and Souldiers attend Ordin and walk inoffenſively. And it's recommended to Commiſſion to ſee how this is performed, and to upon Ways to provide the Forces with Preachers, upon Application, to ſettle Miniſters in Regiment longing to this Kingdom. *Act* 13. *Anno* 1697.

Arminian Errors, ſee *Erroneous Doctrin*

Articles of Perth, ſee *Evils of the Kirk.*

I. THE Five Articles concluded in *Perth* Aſſembly. *1mo.* That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be Celeb

by the People, on their Knees. 2*do.* That it be privately adminiſtrated to Perſons on Death-bed, Three or Four being preſent to Communicate with them, and a Place convenient, and all Things neceſſar decently provided. 3*tio.* That *Baptiſm*, when great Need ſhall compel, be adminiſtrate in private Houſes, and Declaration made thereof next Lord's Day in the Congregation. 4*to.* That Miniſters Catechiſe all young Children of Eight Years of Age, and that the Biſhops, in their Viſitations, cauſe preſent them to them, and bleſs them with Prayers and Impoſition of Hands. And 5*to.* That the Days of our Lord's Birth, Paſſion, Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, and ſending down of the Holy Ghoſt, be obſerved by the Miniſters, in Commemoration of theſe ineſtimable Benefits. Are declared to have been abjured by this Kirk, in their *Confeſſion of Faith*, as it was meaned and profeſſed in the Year 1580, 1581, 1590, and 1591, and ſo ought to be removed out of it; and all Diſputing for them, or obſerving of them, or any of them, in all Time coming, is prohibited and diſcharged, and Presbyteries ordained to proceed with the Cenſures of the Kirk againſt all Tranſgreſſors: And the ſeveral Acts of Parliament, and General Aſſemblies, and Heads of our Confeſſions of Faith, and Books of Diſcipline, diſapproving and condemning the Subſtance of theſe Articles, are reſumed in *Act Seſſ.* 17. Decemb. 10. *Anno* 1638.

Aſſemblies, ſee *Evils of the Kirk, Propoſitions for Kirk Government*; *Confeſſion of Faith, Diſcipline, Abſents*, and *Repreſentatives in Aſſemblies.*

I. The Six pretended Aſſemblies *viz.* at *Linlithgow* 1606, and 1608; *Glaſgow*, 1610; *Aberdeen*, 1616; St. *Andrews*, 1617; and *Perth*. 1618; annulled and condemned, as unlawful, and the Reaſons thereof ſet down at large, in *Act Seſſ.* 12. Decemb. 4. *Anno* 1638.

II. It's declared, That by Divine, Eccleſiaſtick, and Civil Warrants, this National Kirk hath Power and Liberty to aſſemble and conveen, in her Yearly General Aſſemblies, and oftner *pro re nata*, as Occaſion and Neceſſity ſhall require; and the Diet of the next Aſſembly *is appointed*, and all Presbyteries, Univerſities and Burghs,

Burghs, are warranted to ſend Commiſſioners for keeping the ſame; and Power is given to the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, *pro re nata*, and upon any urgent and extraordinary Neceſſity, (if any happen betwixt and the Day of the next Aſſembly) to give Advertiſement to all the Presbyteries, Univerſities and Burghs, to ſend their Commiſſioners for holding an Occaſional Aſſembly: And if, in the mean Time, it ſhall pleaſe his Majeſty to Indict a General Aſſembly, all Presbyteries, Univerſities and Burghs, are ordained to ſend their Commiſſioners, for keeping the Time and Place which ſhall be appointed by his Majeſty's Proclamation. *Act Seſſ.* 26. December 20. *Aſſ.* 1638.

III. ALL Presbyteries are ſtrictly enjoined to ſend their full Repreſentation to Aſſemblies, and that they make Choice of ſuch as are able to attend, and whom they have Reaſon to believe will give due Attendance; and the Clerk of the Aſſembly is appointed to ſend the Names of ſuch Commiſſioners as wholly abſent themſelves, to their ſeveral Presbyteries and Synods, and they are ordained to be Cenſured for the firſt Fault by their Presbytery, and the Cenſure to be Recorded in the Presbytery Books; and for the ſecond Fault, by the Synod, and the Cenſure to be Recorded in the Synod Books; and for the third Fault, to be ſuſpended by their reſpective Synods, or Presbyteries, conform to the *Act.* Sess. 27. ult. Aug. *Aſſ.* 1647. which ſee in *Abſents*. And in caſe of Sickneſs, or other lawful Excuſe, the Moderator of the Presbytery is to be acquainted in due Time, who is impowered to call a Meeting of the Presbytery *pro re nata*, to chooſe other fit Perſons in their Room; and if the Excuſe be ſuſtained, what is offered for Excuſe is alſo to be recorded in their Books, and the Clerk of Aſſembly is ordained to ſend an Account of ſuch as withdraw from the Aſſembly, before the Diſſolution thereof, to their Presbyteries, that they may admoniſh them therefore, as they ſee Cauſe. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1709.

IV. ALL References, Appeals, and Complaints that ſhall be made, in Time coming, to the Aſſemblies of this Church, are appointed to be lodged in the Clerk's Hands, on or before the 2d or 3d Days of the Aſſembly's Meetings, with Certification, That all Appeals and Complaints not ſo lodged, ſhall be held as deſerted and *fallen from*, and ſhall not thereafter be received, unleſs upon *the firſt* Opportunity, the Parties concerned make it

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pear to the Aſſembly, that inſuperable Difficulties did withhold them from lodging the ſame, in manner above ſet down; and the Clerks of the ſeveral Judicatories are enjoined, to tranſmit to the Clerk of the Aſſembly, within the Time foreſaid, all References made by the reſpective Judicatories to the General Aſſembly. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1718.

V. 'Tis reſolved and appointed, That in all Time thereafter, no Commiſſion from any Presbytery, Burgh, or Univerſity, to their Repreſentatives in the General Aſſemblies of this Church, ſhall be ſuſtained, but ſuch as are in the Terms of the Acts of Aſſembly, made for regulating Elections of Members of Aſſembly, particularly *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1694. which ſee in *Repreſentatives in Aſſemblies*, *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1698. and *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1704. both which, ſee in *Commiſſions to Members of Aſſembly*, &c. All which Acts are renewed, and Presbyteries are appointed, not only to elect their full Number of Commiſſioners, but alſo to be careful, to chooſe ſuch Perſons as probably can attend; and Presbyteries who ſend not up their full Number of Commiſſioners and Perſons Commiſſionated, who either come not up, or are abſent from any of the Diets of Aſſembly, are appointed to be Cenſured, unleſs relevant Excuſes for them be laid before, and be admitted by the Aſſembly. And the Aſſembly reſolved, and peremptorily enacted, That in all Time thereafter, no Commiſſion whatſomever for any Ruling Elder, or Ruling Elders, to ſit as Members of the Aſſemblies of this Church be ſuſtained, but ſuch as ſhall bear particularly that they have ſigned the *Formula* preſcribed by the Act of Aſſembly 1694. (which ſee in *Inſtructions*) unleſs the ſaid Elders do inſtantly ſubſcribe it in Preſence of the Aſſembly, or a Committee appointed by them, or do inſtruct that they have already ſubſcribed the ſame; and all Commiſſions, after they are written out and extracted, and before they be put in the Hands of the Commiſſioners, are appointed to be firſt read in Preſence of the Presbytery, and to be reviſed by them, and that it be atteſted by the Moderator, or Clerk of the Presbytery upon the ſaid Commiſſions, that this was ſo done. And it is reſolved and appointed, (until the Matter concerning Commiſſions from Burghs be further thought upon) that, in the mean Time, no Commiſſions from Royal Burghs to their Repreſentatives in Aſſembly ſhall be ſuſtained, but ſuch as ſhall be conſented to and approven, *not only* by the Miniſtry and Kirk-ſeſſions of the

the Burgh, as is reſolved by the Act of Aſſembly, 15. *Aſſ.* 1647. (which ſee in *Burghs*) but alſo by the P bytery of the Bounds within which the Burgh lies, upon which it ſhall be atteſted both by the Kirk-ſeſ and Presbytery foreſaid, that the Perſon or Perſons th in named are Elders lawfully ordained, and have ſig the *Formula* above-mentioned; and likewiſe, that t are either Reſidenters in the Burgh, or Heritors in Burgh, or in the Bounds of the Presbytery where Burgh lies, or that they have formerly reſided and ciated as Elders in the ſaid Burgh or Presbytery. the General Aſſembly extended the Time limited by foreſaid *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1698, for chooſing Commiſſio from Presbyteries, to thoſe that ſhould be thereafter from Royal Burghs. *Act* 9. *Aſſ.* 1718.

Aſſembly Houſe, ſee *Ordering the Aſſem Houſe.*

Aſſoilzieing, ſee *Exculpation.*

Aſſociating in Presbyteries.

THE Miniſters of different Presbyteries, their aſſoci ing in Presbyteries allowed and approven, ay and w the Vacancies of the ſaid Presbyteries be filled, and t are declared to have the Authority and Power of P byteries reſpectively; and that notwithſtanding, that cording to the old Plat-form, the ſaid Miniſters do ſide in the Bounds of different Presbyteries. *Act* 8. 1690.

Atheiſm and Atheiſtical Opinions, ſee *Dei* ſee *Groſs Scandals.*

IT is ſeriouſly recommended to Miniſters of the Goſ and they are enjoined, where there is any appearand H zard of Contagion by the Atheiſtical Principles of *De* to warn and guard the Lord's People againſt that Inf nal Courſe, and to detect the Abominableneſs of Tenets of theſe Men; ſuch as, The denying of all R vealed Religion. The grand Myſteries of the Goſpel, The Doctrine of the Trinity, The Incarnation of *Meſſias*, His Satisfaction to Juſtice, Salvation thro

him, Juſtification by his imputed Righteouſneſs to them who believe in his Name, The Reſurrection of the Dead; and, in a Word, The Certainty and Authority of Scripture-Revelation. As alſo, their aſſerting, That there muſt be a Mathematical Evidence for each Purpoſe, before we can be obliged to aſſent to any Propoſition thereanent; and, That Natural Light is ſufficient to Salvation. And 'tis required, That the Authors that treat well of theſe Subjects, be named to People, in order to Peruſal. As likewiſe, That Miniſters deal ſeriouſly with the Seduced, and ſuch as are moſtly in Hazard to be perverted, but eſpecially, with Seducers and Impoſtures, That, after ſufficient Inſtruction and Admonition, theſe be proceeded againſt, as ſcandalous and heretical Apoſtates uſe to be. And all Miniſters, and other Members of this Church, are diſcharged to publiſh, or vent either by Speaking, Writing, Printing, Teaching or Preaching any Doctrine, Tenet or Opinion, contrary to, or inconſiſtent with the Confeſſion of Faith of this Church, or any Article, Part or Propoſition therein. And all ſuch as contraveen this Act, or any Part thereof, are appointed to be Cenſured by the Church, according to their Demerits. *Act* 21. *Aſſ.* 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Attendance on Aſſemblies and Commiſſions, ſee *Aſſemblies, Act* 3. 5. *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies,* &c. *Acts* 41, 43, 44. *Abſents.*

Attеſtations, ſee *Commiſſions to Members of Aſſembly, Act* 4.

Auchterarder, ſee *Formula, Commiſſions of Aſſemblies,* 1719, *and* 1720.

Authority of Aſſemblies, ſee *Diſcipline, Act* 8.

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Ballintrae, ſee *Stranraver.*
Banns, ſee *Proclamation of Banns.*
Baptiſm, ſee *Beggars, Remedies of Si there, domeſtick Remedy*; 3 *Articles of Sacraments, Communion.*

THAT the Sacrament of Baptiſm be adm in Face of the Congregation, that what and done, may be heard and ſeen of all; and t adminiſtrate after the Sermon, before the Bleſſi *Seſſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1645. The Act is, *The Opi Committee, for keeping the greater Conformity in this Art.* 2.

II. 'Tis declared, That Children born w Verge of the Viſible Church, of Parents, on profeſſing the Chriſtian Religion, have a Right tiſm; and that no other Sponſor but the Pare be taken, unleſs the Parents be dead, or abſent, ignorant, or under Scandal, or contumacious pline, ſuch being unfit to ſtand as Sponſors, in ing a ſolemn Covenant with God; in which C immediate Parent, who is in ſuch Circumſtar be required to provide ſome fit Perſon, and, if one related to the Parent of the Child, ſhould b But if either of the Parents whether Father or give Evidence to Church Judicatories, and the gation offended, of their Repentance, for remo Scandal, the Suſpenſion they were under as t Privileges, ſhould be taken off, according to th this Church; and the penitent Perſon ſhould b to preſent the Child. In the Caſe of Children whoſe Baptiſm after Enquiry cannot be known, ſeſſion is to order the Preſenting of the Child to and to ſee to the Chriſtian Education thereof recommended to the Pariſh, to ſee to the Main the Child, the Parent, or Sponſor ought to ſpe Miniſter of the Pariſh, before the Child be Baptiſm. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Barks, ſee *Lord's Day. Act* 2.

Beggars.

I. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to conſider of the beſt Means to get the Children of the ordinary Beggars baptiſed, and to prevent their own living in ſo great Vileneſs. *Act Seſſ. ult.* Sept. 1. *Aſſ.* 1647.

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to apply to the Juſtices of the Peace, and other Magiſtrates, to put in Execution the Laws concerning the poor and vagrant Beggars, and providing Work and Maintenance for them. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Behaviour in Worſhip, ſee *Worſhip.*

Benefice, ſee *Old Miniſters.*

Bibles, ſee *Libraries, Bourignioniſm, Act* 4.

(1.) A Letter of Thanks is appointed to be written to the Contributers of the Fund for *Iriſh* Bibles, New Teſtaments, and Catechiſms. (2.) 'Tis thought needful, That there be an Advance of 1000 Pound *Scots* more, and that their Majeſties Privy Council be ſupplicate therefore, out of the vacant Stipends of the Churches whereof the King is Patron. (3.) 'Tis recommended to the Kirk-ſeſſions, Heritors, and others concerned in the *Highlands*, to ſee the Act of Parliament anent Erecting of Schools in every Pariſh, duly executed, and the Funds eſtabliſhed by Law for the ſame, made effectual. (4.) That the Agent for the Church receive the foreſaid 1000 Pound, and deburſe the ſame at the Sight of the Miniſters named in the Act; and alſo receive the Books abovementioned, being 3000 Bibles, 1000 New Teſtaments, and 3000 Catechiſms, from *London*. (5.) That the Members of that Aſſembly, from the ſeveral Synods, having *Highland* Pariſhes in their Bounds, do meet and appoint ſome, to receive and proportion the ſaid Books, among the reſpective Pariſhes. (6.) 'Tis recommended to the Miniſters concerned in the *Highlands*, to diſpatch the whole Paraphraſe of the Iriſh *Pſalms to the Preſs*, and if the principal Copy can be recovered

recovered, to expede the ſame; but that any other Copy they have, be reviſed by the Synod of *Argyle*, and being approven by them, that the ſame be printed. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1690.

Biggar.

THE Entry and Poſſeſſion of the new erected Presbytery of *Biggar*, conſiſting of the Twelve Kirks mentioned in the Act, ordered to be then preſently, and the Kirk of *Biggar* to be the Presbytery Seat; and referred to the Commiſſion, to determine to what Synod that Presbytery ſhall be ſubordinate, and to preſcribe the Order and Solemnities that ſhould be neceſſary, for entring and poſſeſſing the Miniſters and Elders of the ſaid Presbytery. *Act Seſſ. June* 3. *Aſſ.* 1644.

Bill, ſee *Bourignianiſm, Act* 4.

THAT all Bills whatſomever of particular Concern, whereunto all Parties having Intereſt are not cited, be rejected. *Item*, That all Bills be firſt preſented to the inferior Judicatories of the Kirk, who may competently conſider of them, and from them, be orderly and *gradatim* brought to the Aſſembly, according to the Order preſcribed for Appellations in the Aſſembly, at *Edinburgh* 1639. *Seſſ.* 23. *Aug.* 30. which ſee in *Appeals, Overt. in Seſſ.* 2. Aug. 3. *Aſſ.* 1642. § 1, 2.

Biſhops, ſee *Excommunication, Act* 1. *Epiſcopacy.*

Boats, ſee *Lord's Day, Act* 2.

Books, ſee *Seſſion Books, Synod Books, Separation, Commiſſion Book.*

THAT Presbyteries take ſpecial Notice of any Book or Pamphlet framed, contrived, printed, or publiſhed by any Miniſter of this Church; and examine if there be any Thing therein contrar to the Doctrine, Worſhip, *Diſcipline* or Government, or prejudicial to the Rights and Privileges or Unity of this Church, and that they cenſure

cenſure Tranſgreſſors according to the Demerit of the Cauſe. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Book of Common Prayer, ſee *Evils of the Kirk, Common Prayer Book.*

Book of Conſecration and Ordination, ſee *Ordination, Books Erroneous.*

ALL Members of this Kirk and Kingdom, are inhibited and diſcharged to converſe with Perſons tainted with the Errors of *Independency* and *Separation*; or to import, ſell, ſpread, vend, or diſperſe their erroneous Books or Papers: But that they beware of, and abſtain from Books maintaining *Independency* and *Separation*; and from all *Antinomian*, *Anabaptiſtical*, and other erroneous Books and Papers: And all Miniſters are required to warn their Flock againſt ſuch Books in general, and particularly, ſuch as are moſt plauſible, inſinuating, and dangerous; and to try carefully from Time to Time, if any ſuch Books be brought into this Kingdom from *England*, or from beyond Seas, (which is eſpecially recommended to Miniſters on the Sea Coaſts, or Towns where any Stationers are) and if any be found, to preſent the ſame to the Presbytery, that ſome Courſe may be taken, to hinder the diſperſing thereof. And all Presbyteries are ordained to Try and Proceſs ſuch, as ſhall tranſgreſs againſt the Premiſſes, or any Part of the ſame; and it is ſeriouſly recommended to the Civil Magiſtrates, to aſſiſt the Miniſters and Presbyteries, in the Execution of this Act, and to concur with their Authority, in every Thing to that Effect. *Act Seſſ.* 27. Aug. *alt. Aſſ.* 1647.

Book of Policy, ſee *Judicatories.*

Bond, ſee *Declaration.*

THE Oath, called, *The Bond*, and Bonds of that and the like Nature declared unlawful, and the Subſcribers not aſtricted by their Oath to the Tenor thereof. *Act Seſſ.* 17. Aug. 4. *Aſſ.* 1641.

Borders, ſee *Schools, Act* 2. § 5.

Bounds of Elders, see *Remedies of Sins, and there, Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Profaneneſs,* 2.

Bounds of Juriſdiction.

THE Kirk-ſeſſion of the Pariſh in which the ſcandalous Perſon reſides, ſhould be deſired to cauſe cite that Perſon, to anſwer before the Kirk-ſeſſion in whoſe Bounds the Scandal happened; and the ſame Courſe is to be follow'd in ſuch Caſes by other Church Judicatories: For they ſhould not preſume to exerce that Authority without their own Bounds. *Form. Proc. Cap.* 1. § 6. *Act.* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Bourignioniſm.

I. THE Writings that go under the Name of *Mad. Antonia Bourignon*, found to be freighted with impious, pernicious, and damnable Doctrines: Such as, 1*mo*. The denying the Permiſſion of Sin, and the Infliction of Damnation and Vengeance for it. 2*do*. The aſcribing to Chriſt a Two-fold Humane Nature, one of which was produced of *Adam* before the Woman was form'd; and the other born of the Virgin *Mary*. 3*tio*. The denying of the Decrees of Election and Reprobation, and the loading of theſe Acts of Grace and Sovereignty, with a Multitude of odious and blaſphemous Expreſſions, particularly, Wickedneſs, Cruelty, and Reſpect of Perſons. 4*to*. That there is a good Spirit, and an evil Spirit, in the Souls of all Men before they are born. 5*to*. That the Will of Man is unlimited, and that there muſt be in Man ſome infinite Quality, whereby he may unite himſelf to God. 6*to*. The denying of the Doctrine of Divine Præſcience. 7*mo*. The Aſſertion of the ſinful Corruption of Chriſt's Humane Nature, and a Rebellion in Chriſt's Natural Will to the Will of God. 8*vo*. The aſſerting a State of Perfection in this Life, and a State of Purification in the Life to come; That Generation takes Place in Heaven; That there are no true Chriſtians in the World; and ſeveral other Errors contained in the ſaid Book. And ratifying and confirming the Sentence of Suſpenſion paſt by the Commiſſion of Aſſembly

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1700, againſt Dr. *George Gairdyn* in *Aberdeen*; and further, actually depoſing him from the Office of the Miniſtry, and prohibiting and diſcharging him from exerciſing the ſame, or any Part thereof in all Time coming, under the Pain of the higheſt Cenſures of the Church, for his being led away with a Spirit of Error and very groſs Deluſion, and infected with the foreſaid impious, blaſphemous, and damnable Errors. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1701.

II. THE Book, entitled, *An Apology for Madam* Antonia Bourignon, of which the ſaid Dr. *George Gairdyn* is alledged to be the Author, found to contain a Maſs of dangerous, impious, blaſphemous, and damnable Errors, and is therefore condemned unanimouſly; and 'tis ſeriouſly recommended to all Synods and Presbyteries within this National Church, and particularly, to the Synods of *Aberdeen* and *Perth*, to advert to, and enquire anent the Spreading of the ſaid Errors, and to uſe all effectual Means for preventing the ſame, conform to the Acts of former Aſſemblies made againſt ſpreading of Errors, and particularly, *Act Seſſ.* 27. *Aſſ.* 1647. which ſee in *Books Erroneous*. And 'tis recommended to the ſaid Judicatories, That in peruſing of the ſaid Book, and enquiring anent the ſpreading of the Errors therein-contained, any Thing found to fall under the *Act* 11. *Seſſ.* 5. *Parl.* 1695. or under any other Act of Parliament made againſt Blaſphemy, be repreſented to his Majeſty's Advocate, to the Effect the Laws may be put to due Execution. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1701.

III. 'TIS earneſtly recommended to Presbyteries, to uſe all effectual Means, to prevent the ſpreading of the dangerous Errors of *Bourignioniſm*, and other Errors, as is enjoined by the 10th *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1701. *ſupra*, and other Acts therein-mentioned; and the Commiſſion is inſtructed to uſe all ſuitable Endeavours for that Purpoſe; and particularly, that Care be taken, to ſuppreſs the Meetings of ſuch as are tainted with theſe Errors. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1709.

IV. ALL Miniſters, in whoſe Pariſhes the groſs Errors and Hereſies, going under the Name of *Bourignioniſm*, do abound, are appointed to preach moſt particularly and faithfully againſt the ſame; and all Presbyteries in whoſe Bounds the ſame prevail, ſhall oblige all Schoolmaſters, Teachers, Governours of Youth, and Chaplains, within their Province, to ſubſcribe the *Confeſſion of Faith*, as *the Confeſſion of* their Faith; and if any of the fore-

ſaid Perſons refuſe to do the ſame, the Presbytery ſhall thereupon declare them incapable of ſuch Offices, and apply to the Heretors, and Heads of Families concerned, in order to their diſcharging the ſaid Perſons from the ſaid Offices; and in caſe of their Refuſal to comply therewith, that the Presbytery ſend up the Names of the foreſaid Perſons refuſing to ſubſcribe the *Confeſſion of Faith*, to the Commiſſion of Aſſembly, with the Names of the Pariſhes and Families in which they reſide, that the Commiſſion may proceed againſt all ſuch, as they ſee Cauſe: And all the Presbyteries, in whoſe Bounds there are any Societies of *Bourignoniſts*, avowedly profeſſing theſe Principles, and diſperſing the Books containing the ſame, are ordained to ſend to the Commiſſion an exact and full Account of the particular leading Perſons of the ſaid Societies, together with the Names and Errors of the Books they are diſperſing; and the Commiſſion is enjoined, to take the moſt effectual Meaſures for ſuppreſſing the ſame; and inſtructed to apply to the Government, for hindering of incorrect, falſe and ſpurious Tranſlations of the Bible, to be ſpread abroad. And 'tis recommended to the Profeſſors of Divinity within this Church, to make a full Collection of the Errors of *Antonia Bourignon*, and of ſuch other Errors as do reflect upon the Nature, Perſon, and Offices of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and to write a Confutation of the ſame. *Act 9. Aſſ.* 1710.

Bowing in the Pulpit, ſee *Worſhip publick, Act* 5.

THAT the Miniſters bowing in the Pulpit, though a lawful Cuſtom in this Kirk, be thereafter laid aſide, for the Satisfaction of the Deſires of the Reverend Divines in the Synod of *England*, and for Uniformity with that Kirk, *Act Seſſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1645. the Act is. *The Opinion of the Committee, for keeping the greater Uniformity in this Kirk, &c. Art.* 4.

Boyd (Mr. *William*) ſee *Linning* (Mr. *Thomas.*)

Bridals, ſee *Penny-Bridals, Lykwakes.*

Burghs,

Burghs, ſee *Tranſplantation*, &c. *Act* 1. § 9. *Aſſemblies*, *Act* 5. *Commiſſions to Members of Aſſemblies*, *Act* 4.

I. RESOLVED in the mean Time, until the Matter concerning Commiſſioners from Burghs be further thought upon, That, according to the ordinary Practice, no Commiſſion to the General Aſſembly be admitted from Burghs, but ſuch as ſhall be conſented to, and approven by the Miniſtry and Seſſion there, the Perſons elected being always Elders. *Act Seſſ.* 4. July 15. *Aſſ.* 1648.

II. RECOMMENDED to the Honourable Commiſſion of Parliament for Plantation of Kirks, to provide real and valid Security, of competent and honeſt Means to Miniſters in Burghs, where they are not ſufficiently provided or ſecured already; and Presbyteries are ordained to uſe all neceſſary Diligence, for proſecuting thereof before the ſaid Commiſſion. *Act Seſſ.* 40. Aug. 11. *Aſſ.* 648.

Burial in Kirks.

I. AN Overture for putting the Act of the Aſſembly at *Edinburgh* 1588, *Seſſ.* 5. againſt Burial in Kirks, in Execution, is referred to the Care of Presbyteries, by *Seſſ.* 23. and 24. *Decemb.* 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art*, 22.

II. ALL former Acts and Conſtitutions made againſt Burial in Kirks ratified and approven, and all Perſons of whatſoever Quality, inhibited and diſcharged to bury any deceaſt Perſon within the Body of the Kirk, where the People meet for hearing of the Word, and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments; or to hang Penſiles or Broads, to affix Honours or Arms, or to make any ſuch like Monuments, to the Honour or Remembrance of any deceaſt Perſon, upon Walls, or other Places within the Kirk, where the publick Worſhip of God is exerciſed, as ſaid is. *Act Seſſ.* 9. Aug. 11. *Aſſ.* 1643.

Burſars, ſee *Highlands*, *Act* 2. 4. § 5. *Schools*, *Act* 4. *Exerciſe and Addition*, *Schoolmaſters*, *Act* 3. *Colleges*, *Act* 1. § 5. Chriſtian

ſtian Knowledge, Act 3. *Highland Tongue, Act* 3. Iriſh *Bibles*, &c. *Act* 1. 3.

I. THAT every Presbytery that conſiſts of Twelve Miniſters, ſhall maintain a Burſar of Divinity; and when the Number is fewer than Twelve, they ſhall be joined with theſe out of another Presbytery where their Number exceeds: Where this Courſe is not already kept, that it be begun without longer Delay, and every Province is ordained to give an Account of their Number of Burſars that is conſtantly to be entertained by their Province, to the next enſuing Aſſembly. *Act Seſſ.* 15. *Aug.* 7. *Aſſ.* 1641. *Art.* 1.

II. PRESBYTERIES are ordained to put the foreſaid Overture, for maintaining Burſars, in Practice, with all Diligence; and to make Account thereof to the next Aſſembly. *Act Seſſ.* 7. June 4. *Aſſ.* 1644.

III. (1.) THAT every Burſar of Theologie have yearly paid him, for his Maintenance 100 lib. *Scots*, at leaſt. (2.) That the ſaid Maintenance be taken forth of the Kirk Penalties, according to the Deſign of the firſt Act, for maintaining of Burſars. (3.) That every Presbytery conſiſting of twelve Kirks in Number, maintain a Burſar yearly at the Univerſity. (4.) That when Presbyteries are fewer in Number, that they join with other Presbyteries to make up that Number, and the Superplus of the Number to be ordered and diſpoſed by the Presbyteries and Synods; and that their Books bear Records thereof. (5.) That the Kirks of theſe Presbyteries be proportionally ſtented, according to the Number of the Communicants in each Pariſh. (6.) That the ſaid Maintenance be collected by the Moderator of every Presbytery, by equally divided Portions; and the one Half to be brought into the Winter Synod, and given to the ſaid Burſars; and the other Half at the Summer Synod to be ſent unto them; and that the ſeveral Synods take an exact Account thereof, and ſee that all be rightly done, and that their Books bear the Report thereof to the General Aſſembly. (7.) That the Time of Burſars Abode at the Schools of Divinity, exceed not four Years; which being expired, or in Caſe before the expiring of the ſaid Time, any be removed either by Death, or by ſome *Calling* to a particular Charge, another be preferred in

ſaid Benefice. (8.) That in Caſe any prove deficient in Payment of the ſaid Maintenance for the Time to come, that it ſhall be carefully exacted by the Synods, and ſent over to the General Aſſembly, to be diſpoſed upon them, as they ſhall find expedient, that no Perſon may have Benefit in their Slackneſs and Neglect. (9.) That Burſars of Theologie bring ſufficient Teſtimonials early from the Univerſities, where they are bred, of their Proficiency and good Behaviour; and that they be alſo ready to give a Proof of their Labours at the ſeveral Synods, if it ſhall be required; and if they be found deficient, that they be denuded of the ſaid Benefit, and others more hopeful placed in their Room; and Preſbyteries, who have not already done it, are appointed to begin and enter to the maintaining of their Burſars, in Manner foreſaid, in the Year 1645. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to make Choice of ſuch for the Burſe, as are of good Report enclined to Learning, and have paſt their Courſe of Philoſophy, and to try their Qualifications, before they ſend them to Univerſities. *Act Seſſ* 14. *Feb.* 7. *Aſſemb.* 1645.

IV. THE foreſaid Overtures concerning the providing of Burſars for Divinity, are recommended to Preſbyteries, and Synods; and they are appointed to report their Diligence to the next Aſſembly. *Act, Seſſ.* 28. *Aug. ult. Aſſemb.* 1647.

V. SYNODS are ordained to crave Account from Preſbyteries, at every provincial Meeting; how they have obeyed the Recommendation of preceeding Aſſemblies anent Burſaries, which, with the Presbyteries Anſwer, ſhall be put upon Record; that ſo the Part both of Presbyteries and Synods, and their Negligence or Diligence in ſo pious a Work, may be known by the Examination of the provincial Books, to each General Aſſembly, *Act, Seſſ.* 32. *Aug.* 7. *Aſſemb.* 1648.

VI. THAT none be ſent to Univerſities from Preſbyteries, or admitted as Burſars of Divinity; but pious Youths, and ſuch as are known to be of good Expectation, and approven Abilities. *Act, Seſſ. ult. Aug. Aſſ.* 1649.

VII. 'TIS recommended to the Synods after-mentioned, That they maintain Burſars of Theology having the *Iriſh* Language, beſide the uſual Presbytery Burſars; and that out of the Miniſters of theſe Synods, their own *proper* Money, which is to be done, as follows,

lows, *viz.* the Synods of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſ* and *Teviotdale*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, and *Fife*, each of them one; the Synods of *Dumfries* and *Galloway*, one; and the Synods of *Angus* and *Mearns*, and *Aberdeen*, one: And 'tis recommended to them to proportion the *Quota* of the Maintenance, to be given to the ſaid Burſars, amongſt themſelves; which is at leaſt, to be Ten Pounds *Sterling*, the one Half thereof to be collected and advanced at every Synod, beginning at the next enſuing Synod; and that the Synod Books bear an Account of their Diligence in the ſame; and that each of the ſaid Burſars continue four Years at the Profeſſion of Theology, as other Burſers do; and that all Presbyteries ſearch out for any well qualified young Men, who have paſt their Courſe of Philoſophy at ſome Univerſity, and ſend in their Names to the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, with ſufficient Teſtimonials, that they may be by them recommended to the ſaid Synods, and this Act to continue during the Aſſemblies Pleaſure; and for enlarging of the ſaid Funds, the 9th Act of the Aſſembly 1699, anent planting of the *Highlands*, which ſee in *Highlands*, Act 4. is renewed and revived, *Act* 8. *Aſſemb.* 1701.

VIII. THAT the one Half of all the Burſaries of the Presbyteries be South *Tay*, including that Part of the Synod of *Perth* that lies be North *Tay*, be paid into Collectors, to be appointed by the reſpective Presbyteries of *Edinburgh*, *Glaſgow* and *St. Andrews*; which Presbyteries are to be comptable to their reſpective Synods concerned, for what Money they receive, the one Half thereof to be applied for the Education of ſuch Youths, as have the *Iriſh* Language in Philoſophy and Divinity, at the Colleges of *Edinburgh* *Glaſgow* and *St. Andrews*; and the other Half to be diſpoſed of to *Lowland* Burſars, or ſuch other pious Uſes, as the reſpective Synods ſhall think fit; and for this End, the Synods of *Glaſgow*, *Galloway* and *Dumfries* to pay their Burſars to a Collector, to be appointed by the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*; and under their Inſpection accountable to their Synods: In like Manner, the Synods of *Merſe* and *Lothian*, to the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, the Synods of *Fife*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, to the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*; and this to begin at *October* 17[illegible] and to continue for four Years and longer, as the General Aſſembly ſhould ſee Cauſe; That to the Synod of *Argyle*, (who have a Gift of Vacancies for Training

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) a certain ſmall Number of the Burſaries payable
Collector to be appointed by the Presbytery of
be allotted, and all the reſt for the other *Highlands*;
it none have the Benefit of the ſaid Burſaries, but
bring a Teſtimonial or Recommendation from
nods reſpective to which they belong, bearing
aving been examined by that Synod, and the Sy-
good Hopes of them as ſober Youths, piouſly en-
and well affected to the Government of Church
ate, and that they have the *Iriſh* Language; and
good Proficients in the *Latine*, and ſuch as they
may in due Time prove able Miniſters of the
or School-maſters; and that they have obliged
lves to imploy their Talents in theſe Services in the
ls, either within the Bounds of the Synods recom-
g them, or ſome others by their Allowance; and
eſe Teſtimonials be recorded with their Names,
ported to each General Aſſembly; And the Act 8.
1701. above-inſerted, is renewed, and the ſaid
ppointed to be obſerved, till the General Aſ-
ſee Cauſe to recal the ſame. *Act* 13. *Aſſemb.* 1704.
THE foreſaid Act 13. *Aſſemb.* 1704. is explained;
declared, That the Diſpoſal of all theſe Burſa-
only in the Power of the Synods, and not of the
eries; and 'tis left to the Diſcretion of the ſeveral
, to apply that Act to Burſaries then current, or
ſuch as were vacant at the Date of the Act, as
d convenient; and for that End, 'tis recommen-
the ſaid Synods, to take an Account from their
ve Presbyteries, what Burſes they have in their
; and at what Time theſe Burſes will fall va-
nd that the Presbyteries be joined two and two
ing one *Lowland* Burſe of their two Halves, ap-
by the foreſaid Act for that End: And in Caſe
an odd Presbytery in a Synod, that that Synod
of that odd Presbytery's Half, to ſuch pious
s the Presbytery ſhall think fit. *Act* 11. *Aſſemb.*

NQUIRY is ordered to be made; (10.) How the
d 16th Acts of Aſſembly 1699, and 9th Act of
ly 1703. are obſerved (the firſt and ſecond of
ſee in *Highlands*, and the laſt in North.) (2.) That-
y be made, what Burſars there are having the *Iriſh*
ge, and how the Acts made concerning them are
particularly, the 13th and 14th Acts of Aſſem-
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bly 1704, (the firſt of which, ſee *ſupra*, and th in Schools) And 5th and 11th Acts of Aſſembly (the firſt of which ſee in Schools, and the laſt (3.) That at each Aſſembly, the Names of the *Iriſh* ſars be called for, and an Account thereof given the Clerk; as alſo, what Hope there is of their uſeful in this Church; and the Commiſſion is impo to put this and the Acts above-mentioned in Exec *Act* 14. *Aſſemb.* 1707.

XL. THE Collections ordered, by Act 13th, Aſſ 1704, for maintaining Burſars, which ſee *ſupra*, are enjoined, and Synods are appointed to ſee this done record their Diligence in their Books; and the ſaid is revived, until the next Aſſembly: And 'tis refer the Commiſſion to prepare Overtures for the right plication and Management of the foreſaid Burſari the future, and report to the next Aſſembly. *Aſſemb.* 1709.

XII. 'TIS enacted, That one Half of the whole ſaries of all the Presbyteries within *Scotland*, be appli the Education of ſuch Youths as have the *Iriſh* Lang in Philoſophy and Divinity, at the Colleges of *Edi Glaſgow*, St. *Andrews*, and *Aberdeen*, for the Space of Years, beginning from the 1ſt of *October* 1710; an Manner of collecting the Money to be applied for t tenance of the ſaid Burſars, is preſcribed in the Act: it is declared, that the reſpective Synods, to which th Burſaries does belong, ſhall have the Choice and Pre tion of the *Iriſh* Burſars; and that no Perſon ſhall the Benefit of either *Highland* or *Lowland* Burſaries ſuch as bring a Teſtimonial or Recommendation their Synods reſpectively, bearing their having beer mined by the Synod, and the Synod's good Ho them as ſober Youths, piouſly inclin'd, and well af to the Government of Church and State, and that are good Proficients in the *Latine*, and are ſuch as judge may, in due Time, prove able Miniſters c Goſpel, or School-maſters. And if they be preſent *Iriſh* Burſaries, bearing that they have the *Iriſh* Lang and have obliged themſelves to employ their Tale theſe Services in the *Highlands*, either in the Bounds Synods preſenting and recommending them, or other by their Allowance; and the foreſaid Teſtim *are appointed* to be Recorded, together with the B *Names*, and to be reported to each Aſſembly; a

& of Aſſembly 1701, and the 11th Act of Aſſembly (both which ſee *ſupra*) are renewed, and appointed obſerved, until the Aſſembly ſee Cauſe to recal the ; and the Commiſſion is impowered to enquire, how r Recommendations about Students have been ob-, and to take Care that Students be provided of ries, and have all due Encouragement to proſecute Studies, the ſaid Students being always qualified in 'erms of this and other Acts herein narrated. *Act* ſſ. 1710.

II. 'Tis recommended to Synods, to admit no more rs having the *Iriſh* Language, but ſo many, to each om they are in a Condition to pay Ten Pound g at leaſt, and for that End, the Burſaries of more yteries than two or three, if they be ſmall, are ap-ed to be joined together, to make up the ſaid ; and the ſeveral Presbyteries are appointed to ſend the Commiſſion, a particular and diſtinct Account e *Quota's* of their Burſaries, ſubſcribed by their Mo-or and Clerk, and the Commiſſion is appointed to ortion the ſaid Burſaries in the ſeveral Diſtricts, ſo, make Ten Pounds *Sterling* at leaſt to each Burſar, of the Half of the Burſaries appropriated by the of Aſſembly, for that Uſe ; and the ſeveral Synods equired, timeouſly to fall upon their vacant Burſa-manner above-mentioned ; and they are ordained amine Burſars, at leaſt once every Year, at their ing in Harveſt or Winter ; and Presbyteries are en-d to pay in punctually their ſeveral Proportions of aid Burſaries, and the Names of the Deficients are inted to be given in to the Meetings of the Com-on that immediately preceed each Aſſembly, and the miſſion is inſtructed to look out for hopeful young . having the *Iriſh* Language, in order to be put on ls. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1712.

V. 'Tis recommended to Synods and Presbyteries, ake particular and exact Enquiry into the Educa-Piety, Literature, Principles and Converſation of : whom they recommend to Burſaries; and that they mend none, of whom they have not Ground to ve, that they will be uſeful, and who are firm to intereſts of this Church ; and ſuch Presbyteries, as diſcover any juſt Ground of Suſpicion in young Men, ng theſe Burſaries, with reſpect to theſe Things, are *ired to acquaint the Aſſembly or Commiſſion* thereof:

thereof: And alſo, the Presbyteries or Synods what Burſars they are, that if they be found unworthy, the Encouragement they enjoy may be taken from them, and beſtowed on Perſons having the Qualifications required by the Acts of Aſſembly. *Act 7. Aſſ.* 1714.

XV. All Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined, to prefer Students having the *Iriſh* Language, to their Burſaries, when they vaik, and punctually to pay them their Proviſions, and to take Trial of their Proficiency, and mark their Diligence herein in their Books; and the Viſiters of the Synod and Presbytery Books, are appointed to notice how the Acts of Aſſembly concerning Burſars are obſerved, and report the ſame. And the Commiſſions of the Aſſemblies of this Church, are required to ſee to the Obſervation of the ſaid Acts, and to enquire after ſuch Students, and recommend them to Burſaries; and all Powers given to former Commiſſions, in this Matter, are renewed. *Act 7. Aſſ.* 1715.

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Calls, ſee *Competing Calls.*

Calling of Aſſemblies, ſee *Confeſſion of Faith, Act 6.*

Calling of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters Admiſſion, Miniſters, Act* 1. *and there, Corruptions in their Office,* § 2. & ſeq; *Act* 7. § 7.

Calling of Parties, ſee *Citation.*

THE Moderator is to inform the Party appearing of the Occaſion of his being called, and to give him, if deſired, a ſhort Note in Writing thereof, with the Names of the Witneſſes that are to be made uſe of. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 7. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Calmunnel Pariſh, ſee *Stranrawer.*

Campvere.

I. Resolved, That the *Scots* Kirk of *Campvere* be joined to the Kirk of *Scotland*, as a Member thereof; and

a Member appointed to write to the Miniſter thereof, to ſend a Miniſter and Elder, inſtructed with a Commiſſion to the next Aſſembly. *Act Seſſ.* 18. Aug. 9. *Aſſ.* 1641.

II. SOME Propoſitions concerning the Kirk of *Campvere, viz.* (1.) Their obſerving of that Order in the outward Worſhip of God, and Exerciſe of Diſcipline, as is received in *Scotland* by Law and Practice. (2.) Their ſending Commiſſioners to the Aſſembly every Third Year. (3.) Their receiving Council and Advice, in difficult Caſes, from the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or Commiſſioners of Aſſembly. And, (4.) The bearing of their Moderator's Expences coming hither at the Aſſembly's Command. Again, Enacted and authoriſed, and appointed to be Recorded in the Books of the Aſſembly, and the Commiſſions of that and ſubſequent Aſſemblies of this Church, impowered and authoriſed to act, cognoſce, adviſe, and determine in all Affairs belonging to the ſaid Kirk and Conſiſtory of *Campvere*, that ſhall be propoſed to, or purſued before them, as their ſuperior Judicatory; but recommended to them, to pay the Charges of their own Commiſſioners out of their own Stock, until the Church be in a better Capacity to aſſiſt them. *Act* 24. *Aſſ.* 1704.

Canon Book, ſee *Evils of the Kirk.*

THE *Book of Canons* rejected and condemned, as contrar to our *Confeſſion of Faith*, and repugnant to the eſtabliſhed Government, the Book of Diſcipline, the Acts and Conſtitutions of our Kirk; and the Uſe and Practice of the ſame is prohibited, and Presbyteries ordained to proceed with the Cenſures of the Kirk, againſt all ſuch as ſhall tranſgreſs. *Act Seſſ.* 14. Decemb. 6. *Aſſ.* 1638.

Cards, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 1. *and there, Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives,* § 1.

Carriers, ſee *Remedies of Sins; and there, Eccleſiaſtick Remedy,* 7.

Carſtern Parish, ſee *Stranrawer, Dalry.*

Catechetical Doctrine.

I. 'Tis recommended to the Care of Miniſters, That beſide their ordinary Work of Catechiſing, they alſo preach Catechetical Doctrine, at ſuch Times, and in ſuch Manner, as they ſhall find moſt conducive for the Edification of their Flocks. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1696.

II. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Miniſters of this Church, punctually to obſerve the Acts of former General Aſſemblies, for preaching Catechetical Doctrine; and that in their Catechetical Sermons, they more eſpecially inſiſt upon the great and fundamental Truths, according to our *Confeſſion of Faith* and *Catechiſms*; ſuch as that, of the Being and Providence of God, and the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures; The neceſſary Doctrine of the ever bleſſed Trinity in the Unity of the Godhead; particularly, of the eternal Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, and of the Satisfaction to Divine Juſtice made by him, who is our only Propitiation: Of Regeneration by Efficacious Grace; Of free Juſtification through our bleſſed Surety the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, received by Faith alone; and, Of the Neceſſity of a holy Life, in order to the obtaining of everlaſting Happineſs; and that they be earneſt and inſtant in their Prayers to God, that through his Bleſſing upon their Labours, the Flocks may be preſerved from the Infection of dangerous Errors, and engaged to maintain a Converſation, that becomes the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who *is* God over all bleſſed for ever. *Act* 1. *Aſſ.* 1720.

Catechiſing and Catechiſms, ſee *Viſitation Miniſterial*, &c. *Act* 2. § 4, 8. *Viſitation Presbyterial*, &c. *Act* 1. *Family Exerciſes*; *Remedies of Sins, and there, particular Eccleſiaſtick Remedies*, 1, 2, 3. *and Eccleſiaſtick Remedies againſt Prophaneneſs*, 6. *Witchcraft*, *Act* 1. § 7. Highlands, *Act* 4. § 3. *Act* 5. § 6. *Univerſities*, *Act* 2. *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 4. § 5. *Bibles*, &c. § 1, 4. *Doctrine*, *Act* 1.

I. An uniform Catechiſm appointed to be uſed throughout this whole Kingdom, in the Examinations before

before the Communion. *Act Seſſ.* 22. Aug. 29. *Aſſ.* 1639. *Art.* 7.

II. That every Miniſter, beſides his Pains on the Lord's Day, have weekly Catechiſing of ſome Part of the Pariſh, and not altogether caſt over the Examination of the People till a little before the Communion. *Act* Aug. 30. *Aſſ.* 1639. See the reſt of this Act in *Family Worſhip*.

III. The *Larger Catechiſm*, agreed upon by the Aſſembly of Divines ſitting at *Weſtminſter*, with Aſſiſtance of Commiſſioners from the Kirk of *Scotland*, found agreeable to the Word of God, and in nothing contrary to the received Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government of the ſaid Kirk; and therefore approven and agreed unto by the Aſſembly for their Part, as a Common Catechiſm for the Three Kingdoms. *Act Seſſ.* 10. July &c. *Aſſ.* 1648.

IV. The *Shorter Catechiſm*, likewiſe agreed upon by the ſaid Aſſembly at *Weſtminſter*, with Aſſiſtance foreſaid, found alſo agreeable and approven, as ſaid is. *Act Seſſ.* 19. July 28. *Aſſ.* 1648.

V. And the vending, ſelling, or uſing in Schools or Families of a little Catechiſm, entitled, *The A, B, C. with the Catechiſm*, that is to ſay, An Inſtruction to be taught and learned of young Children, which contains very groſs Errors in point of univerſal Redemption, and in the Number of the Sacraments, is diſcharged; and Printers are inhibited to Reprint the ſame; and it's recommended to Presbyteries to take ſpecial Care, that the ſaid Act be obey'd. *Act Seſſ.* eadem.

VI. That every Miniſter, with the Aſſiſtance of the Elders of their ſeveral Kirk-ſeſſions, take Courſe, That in every Houſe where there is any that can read, there be at leaſt one Copy of the *Shorter* and *Larger Catechiſms*, *Confeſſion of Faith*, and *Directory for Family Worſhip*; and the above Act of *Aſſ.* Aug. 30. 1639. for a weekly Catechiſing to be conſtantly obſerved in every Kirk, is renew'd: And it is appointed, that every Miniſter ſo order their Catechetick Queſtions, as thereby, the People, (who do not conveen all at one Time, but by Turns, into that Exerciſe) may, at every Diet, have the chief Heads of Saving Knowledge, in a ſhort View, preſented to them. And every Presbytery is ordained to take Trial of all the Miniſters within their Bounds, once, at leaſt, in the *Half Year*, whether they be careful to keep weekly Diets

of Catechiſing; and if they ſhall find any of their Number negligent therein, that they be admoniſhed for the firſt Fault; and if, after ſuch Admonition, they ſhall not amend, the Presbytery, for the ſecond Fault, ſhall rebuke them ſharply; and if, after ſuch Rebuke, they do not yet amend, they ſhall be Suſpended. *Act July* 30. *Aſſ.* 1649.

Catechiſts, ſee *Chriſtian Knowledge, Act* 3. **Caithneſs,** ſee *Zetland, Act* 2. *Supplies, Commiſſions of Aſſemblies,* &c. *Act* 21.

I. The Presbyteries of *Kirkwall* in *Orkney*, and *Scalloway* in *Zetland*, are joined to the Provincial of *Caithneſs*, and *Southerland*, *&c.* and the ſame is to meet only once in the Year, in reſpect of their great Diſtance and Interjection of Seas; and the Place of their firſt Meeting is appointed by the Act, but 'tis left to the Provincial it ſelf, to appoint the Place of their After-meetings. *Act Seſſ.* 11. June 15. *Aſſ.* 1646.

II. The Advices and Inſtructions given to the Preſbyteries of *Caithneſs*, *Orkney* and *Zetland*, at their Erection, are continued; and 'tis referred to the Commiſſion, to add to, or alter the ſame, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe; and otherwiſe to aſſiſt the ſaid Presbyteries in manner mentioned in *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1700.

III. The above-mentioned Act of Aſſembly, *June* 15. 1646 is revived and that Synod appointed to enquire diligently into the State of Affairs in *Zetland*; and 'tis declared, that this Act ſhall obtain and ſtand in Force, until the ſame be recalled by a ſubſequent Aſſembly; and that, notwithſtanding the *Act* Aug. 9. *Aſſ.* 1648, diſjoining the Presbytery of *Zetland* from that Synod. (which ſee, in *Zetland*) But 'tis declared, That notwithſtanding this Annexation, the Presbytery of *Dornock* ſhall ſtill continue to meet and act Presbyterially with the Presbytery of *Roſs*, as formerly. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1704.

Cenſures, (Church) ſee *Miniſters, Act* 2. *and there, Remedies of their Enormities,* § 2. *Propoſitions,* § 3, 4. *Commiſſioners to Aſſemblies, Act* 5. *Prophaneneſs, Overtures, Act* 1. *Papiſts,*

piſts, Act 7. § 5. *Appeals, Act* 6. § 4, 5. *Groſs Scandals, Act* 2. § 1. *Uncleanneſs, Act* 1. § 2.

NOTHING ought to be admitted as the Ground of a Proceſs for Cenſure, but what hath been declared cenſureable by the Word of God, or ſome Act, or univerſal Cuſtom of this Church agreeable thereto; and Scandals ought to be timeouſly noticed: But if a Scandal be not noticed, in order to Cenſure, for five Years, it ought not to be revived, unleſs it be of an heinous Nature, or become again flagrant; but the Conſciences of ſuch Perſons ought to be ſeriouſly dealt with in private, to bring them to a Senſe of their Sin and Duty. *Form Proc. Cap.* 1. § 4. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Cenſures, (privy) ſee *Exerciſe and Addition, Schoolmaſters, Act* 3. *Chriſtian Knowledge, Act* 5.

Chaldaick Language, ſee *Students of Theology, Act* 1.

Chanters, ſee *Titles of Dignity.*

Chaplains, ſee *School-maſters, Act* 2.

Chapters, ſee *Titles of Dignity.*

Charges of the Church, ſee *Commiſſioners to Aſſembly, Act* 1, 2. *publick Money.*

Charges of Miniſters.

THE *Act Seſſ.* 7. March 26. *Aſſ.* 1596. ordering, That no Miniſters take the Charge of a greater Number of People, nor they are able to diſcharge, ratified by *Act Seſſ.* 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 9.

Charity, ſee *Schools, Act* 4.

I. THAT no Miniſter, Kirk-ſeſſions, or Elders give Recommendations for Charity to any, without the bounds of their own *Pariſhes*; nor Presbyteries, without

the Bounds of their Presbyteries; nor Provincial Synods without their Bounds: And that any Recommendations ſo to be given within their reſpective Bounds, ſhall be for a definite Time. *Act* 19. *Aſſ.* 1696.

II. 'Tis enacted and declared, That in all Time thereafter, no Petitions for Charity ſhall be tranſmitted to, nor regarded by the Aſſembly, unleſs the Petitioners produce therewith ample Teſtimonials as to their Life and Converſation; and Recommendations from the Synod or Presbytery of the Bounds where they reſide, bearing ſuch Perſons to be truly Objects of Charity. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1710.

Charmers and Charming, ſee *Witchcraft, Groſs Scandals.*

Chief Burghs, ſee *Tranſplantation, Act* 1. § 9.

Children, and Children ſent abroad, and Children of Popiſh Parents, ſee *Papiſts, Act* 2. § 2, 6. *Act* 3. § 2, 3, 4, 5. *Act* 7. § 6. *Overtures, Act* 1.

I. An Overture, That Children be not ſent out of the Country, without Licence of the Presbyteries, or Provincial Synods of the Bounds where they dwell; referred to the ſeveral Presbyteries. *Seſſ.* 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 11.

II. That Parents, or Friends of Children or Minors, ſhall, before they ſend them without the Kingdom to be Bred, firſt acquaint the Presbytery where they reſide, that they may have their Teſtimonial, directed to the Presbytery, or Claſs within the Kingdoms of *France, England* or *Ireland*; and at the Time of theſe Children's Return from any of the ſaid Kingdoms, that they report a Teſtimonial from the Presbytery or Synod where they lived without the Kingdom, of their Breeding there, and do ſhow the ſame to the Presbytery within the Kingdom, who gave them a Teſtimonial at their away-going. And all Presbyteries are ordained to try, if any Children have been ſent to Popiſh Schools or Colleges without the Kingdom; and if any be found, that their Names be given to the Presbytery, or Commiſſioners of *the Aſſembly*, that the ſame may be preſented to the

Lords of Secret Council, or Committee of Eſtates, that their Lordſhips may be humbly deſired, by their Authority, to recall them; that, after Return to this Kingdom, a Courſe may be taken, according to the former Ordinances of General Aſſemblies, for their Breeding in the true Religion. *Act Seſſ.* ult. June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

Children expoſed, ſee *Baptiſm, Act* 2.
Chriſtian Knowledge, ſee *Schools.*

I. A Committee is named to receive in Reports from Presbyteries, of the Advances made in the Subſcriptions for propagating *Chriſtian Knowledge*; and take Notice how the *Acts* 5, 8. of *Aſſ.* 1707. (the Firſt of which ſee in *Schools*, and the Laſt in *Popery*) have been obey'd; and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined to ſee to the punctual Execution of theſe two Acts, and to inſert an Account of their Diligence in their Books. *Acts* 5, 6. *Aſſ.* 1708. *Nota*, Theſe Acts are inſert after the *Index* of the other Acts of that Aſſembly.

II. All the People of this Church are earneſtly exhorted, to contribute their beſt Endeavours in their Stations, to promote the Deſign of propagating the Knowledge of Chriſt, in the *Highlands* and Iſlands of *Scotland*, and in Foreign Parts of the World, and particularly, to give Part of their Subſtance that Way; and a Method is laid down for collecting Subſcriptions for, and Contributions of Money towards that Deſign; and the Commiſſion is impowered to promote the ſame. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1709.

III. The exact Obſervation of the foreſaid 6th *Act*, of *Aſſ.* 1709, is enjoined, where the ſame is not yet done, and Presbyteries are appointed to ſee to it, and return to the Secretary of the Society for *propagating Chriſtian Knowledge*, a Report of their Diligence; and 'tis recommended to the ſeveral Synods, concerned in the *Highlands* and Iſlands, to enquire what Pariſhes in theſe Bounds do want Schools, what Pariſhes do need more Schools than one, and how many they need; what is the Extent of theſe Pariſhes in Length and Breadth: As alſo, what Miniſters have more Churches or Places for Worſhip than one, and whether theſe Churches do ſtand in different Iſlands, or not; and if there be a School for every Kirk or Iſland; or any Perſons in theſe Places to teach Chil-

dren to read, or any Catechiſts. As alſo, in what Places Popery abounds moſt, and where Catechiſts will be needful. And Synods are appointed, to ſend an impartial and true Account of the above Particulars to the Secretary of the ſaid Society, ſubſcribed by their Moderator and Clerk, that the ſaid Society may have the whole Matter before them, in order to the diſpoſing of the Annualrents of their Stock, where it is moſt needful; and all Miniſters, and other charitable Perſons, are ſeriouſly exhorted to put their Contributions in the Hands of the Treaſurer to the Society. And that there may be the greater Plenty of fit Inſtruments to be employ'd in the Deſign of *propagating Chriſtian Knowledge*, the Aſſembly did again appoint the one Half of the whole Burſaries of all the Presbyteries in *Scotland*, to be beſtow'd on hopeful and pious Students, having the *Iriſh* Language, for the Space of Four Years, according to the Tenor of the 10th *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1710, (which ſee in *Burſars.*) And the ſeveral Synods are enjoined to ſee all the foreſaid Appointments put in due Execution, and that they Report an Account of their Diligence herein to the Aſſembly, from Time to Time, and the Commiſſions of this and ſubſequent Aſſemblies: And likewiſe, the whole Synods and Presbyteries within this Church are ordained to give all due Encouragement, Countenance and Aſſiſtance to the ſaid Society, and theſe employ'd by them, as they ſhall be orderly applied to, for that Effect from Time to Time. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1710.

IV. UPON a long Repreſentation from the Committee of the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, giving a diſtinct Account of the Diligence of that Society, in Proſecution of the Ends of their Erection, and the Progreſs they had made in their Work, and of the Things that hindered the further Advancement thereof: The Aſſembly renews former Recommendations to the ſeveral Synods, Presbyteries, Seſſions, Miniſters and charitable Perſons, deſiring, that the Judicatures above-mentioned would follow the Method preſcribed by the 6th Act of Aſſembly 1709, and the 11th Act of Aſſembly 1710, both above inſert, in furthering Subſcriptions and Contributions, and report to the Society; and the ſeveral Preſbyteries are ſtrictly enjoined to report to their Synods, a diſtinct Account of what they have done at any Time before this, or what they ſhall hereafter do, in Order to forward that pious undertaking, and that in the Method preſcribed,

preſcribed, by the ſaid two Acts; particularly, Preſbyteries are appointed again to require an Account of the Diligence of all the Miniſters within their Bounds in this Matter, and to record their Reports in their Books; and the ſeveral Synods are ordained to take a particular Account of the Diligence of their reſpective Presbyteries, and record it in their Synod Books; and the ſeveral Preſbyteries and Synods are appointed to ſend a full and diſtinct Report of their Diligence in this Matter, ſubſcribed by their Moderator and Clerk in Manner preſcribed, by the ſaid two Acts to the Commiſſion: And the Commiſſion are appointed to give in a Liſt of ſuch Presbyteries and Synods, as ſhall omit to ſend in theſe Accounts to the Aſſembly; and Perſons of all Ranks and Degrees are earneſtly exhorted, according to their Abilities, to contribute to the Advancement of this Chriſtian Undertaking. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1712.

V. THE Aſſembly commends the Diligence of the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee: They recommend to all Miniſters and Elders, and charitable Perſons, to concur in that Work; and again renew the Acts and Recommendations of preceeding Aſſemblies to Synods, Presbyteries, and particular Miniſters, for furthering Subſcriptions and Contributions; and do appoint Presbyteries to call for an Account of the Diligence of Miniſters and Seſſions in this Matter, at their privy Cenſures, and Parochial Viſitations, and record their Reports in their Presbytery Books; and Synods are ordained, at their privy Cenſures, to take a particular Account of the Diligence of their Presbyteries; and record the Reports of Presbyteries in their Books; and Synods and Presbyteries, to ſend a Report of their Diligence herein ſubſcribed, by their Moderator and Clerk to the Commiſſion: And the Commiſſion is inſtructed, to call for the foreſaid Accounts; and ſee to the Obſervation of this and former Recommendations; and lay before the Aſſembly an Account of ſuch Synods and Presbyteries, as ſhall neglect to ſend in to them, Reports of their Diligence in this Matter. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1713.

VI. UPON a Repreſentation of the Committee of the Society, giving an Account of their Procedure, the Extent of their Stock, and Number of Schools erected by them; and the Succeſs and Progreſs of the ſaid Schools; and *repreſenting the Defects* of ſome Miniſters, in their Way

Way of collecting for the Society: The Aſſembly renews former Recommendations in their Favours; and further recommends to Presbyteries, to look for Perſons qualified for ſerving the Society, as Schoolmaſters; and to ſend an Account of them, with Certificates in their Favours, to the Society, or their Committee. And a Committee is appointed, to meet with the ſaid Committee of the Society, and adviſe jointly what further may be done, for the Society's Benefit; and by the Society, for fully ſatisfying all Perſons, of the Fairneſs and Exactneſs of their Management; upon whoſe Report the Aſſembly found the ſaid Society, as well ſecured againſt the Danger of future Events, as any Society can be; and they impowered their Commiſſion to appoint publick Intimations to be made in all the Churches, of an additional Repreſentation of the further Progreſs and Succeſs of the Society, which the Committee of the Society were preparing. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1714.

VII. UPON the Petition of the Committee of the Society, the Aſſembly recommends a publick Collection at all the Church-Doors in *Scotland*, upon ſuch Days, as the ſeveral Presbyteries and Magiſtrates of Burghs ſhall think fit, for buying Books to the Society's Scholars, and ſettling more Schools; and former Recommendations in Favours of the Society, are renewed; and the ſame are appointed to be read in theſe Congregations, where the ſame has not yet been done. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1715.

VIII. UPON a Supplication from the Committee of the Society, the Aſſembly did renew the Recommendation of the laſt Aſſembly for a Collection, and appointed a new Day for it; and the Money is ordered to be lodged in the Hands of the Moderators of the ſeveral Presbyteries, who are to keep exact Accounts thereof; and to ſend the Money with the Copy of the Accounts to the Society's Treaſurer: And, all Miniſters and others, who had not yet paid in the Money they had ſubſcribed for, are deſired to ſend in the ſame to the Treaſurer, and the Execution of the above Recommendation is remitted to the ſeveral Presbyteries, who are to report their Diligence both to their Synods, and to the Commiſſion. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1716.

IX. UPON a Repreſentation from the Committee of the Society, of the Succeſs of the Collections, recommended by former Aſſemblies, and of the Society's *Schools*; The Aſſembly enjoins the Viſitors of their Sc-

Books, to take ſpecial Notice what Care Synods have en, in calling Presbyteries to an Account of their Dili-ce, in promoting the ſaid Collections; and to lay count thereof before the Aſſembly: And the Aſſem-again recommended to Deficients, yet to ſend in ir Money to the Treaſurer of the Society, and to niſters entered to Pariſhes, ſince the Date of the ſaid commendations, not only to contribute themſelves, to ſet about Collecting in their Pariſhes; and 'tis ain recommended to all Miniſters and Members of s Church, to give all Manner of Encouragement to at charitable undertaking. *Act.* 4. *Aſſ.* 1717.

X. UPON a Repreſentation from the Committee of e Society, giving an Account of their Method of Ma-agement, and Succeſs of their Endeavours, that their ock was now upwards of 7000 Pounds *Sterling*, and at they have 42 Charity Schools in the Places mentio-ed in the Repreſentation, but that yet more were de-anded, than their preſent Stock would afford; and herefore, entreating, that former Recommendations in avours of the Society, might be renewed; and offering eir Aſſiſtance in managing what the Aſſembly ſhould eſtow of the Churches Money, upon the Fund of the E uivalent, for maintaining Charity Schools: The Aſſem-ly appointed the Excreſcence of that Money, after Pay-ent of the Churches Debts ſtated upon that Fund, o be lodged with the Society, for erecting Schools in the Highlands and Iſlands; and all former Recommendati-ns in the Society's Favours, are renewed; and the So-iety and Committee are thanked for their Care and aithful Management of their Truſt. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Church, ſee *vacant Churches, Chriſtian Know-ledge.. Act* 3.

Church Communion, ſee *Communion.*

Church Government, ſee *Univerſities. Act* 1. *Colleges.*

Church Judicatures, ſee *Correſpondence.*

Church Men and Church Officers, ſee *Mini-ſters, Ordination of Miniſters, Places Civil, Evils of the Kirk,*

Citation.

Citation, see *Appeals, Act* 4. *Tranſplantation, Act* 1. § 1. *and Act* 3. *Correſpondence, &c. Bounds of Juriſdiction.*

Perſons or Parties concerned in Cauſes, eſpecially before Presbyteries, or other ſuperior Judicatories, ſhould be duly ſiſted by a legal and timeous Citation in Writ upon Forty eight Hours, if the Defendants be reſiding within the Pariſh; and that either at the Inſtance of the Complainer, or by Order of the Judicatory; and the Execution bearing its Cauſe, ſhould be made before two or three Witneſſes inſert, and be returned by the Beadle or Officer in Writing; and the Perſons cited ſhould be called at the Door, *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 3. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. If the Party appear not, there ought to be a ſecond and then a third Citation, by Order of the Seſſions or Presbyteries either perſonally, or at their Dwelling-houſe before the Judicatory declare the Perſon contumacious; but in the Caſe of a Reference or Appeal, there needs not ſo many Citations. *Ibid.* § 4. All Citations *apud acta* are peremptory; and if inſtructed, infer Contumacy if not obeyed. *Ibid.* § 5.

Civil Offices, see *Places Civil, Evils of the Kirk.*

Civil Remedies of Sins, see *Remedies.*

Civil Sanction, see *Ratification.*

Clandeſtine Marriages, see *Irregularities, Marriage, Separatiſts.*

Clerks of Aſſembly and Commiſſion, see *Aſſemblies, Acts* 3, *and* 4. *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies. Acts* 41, *and* 43.

Mr. *John Bannatine* appointed, till *Friday* thereafter, to be Clerk, inſtead of Mr. *Robert Park* deceaſt. *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1695.

Collections for the Poor.

Collections for the Poor diſcharged to be taken *in Time* of Divine Service, and that the Miniſter and Kirk-

irk-ſeſſion appoint ſome other Way for receiving the
ne. *Act Seſſ.* 40. Aug. 11. *Anno* 1648.

olleges, ſee *Viſitations, Univerſities, Schools, Act* 2. § 5. *and Act* 4. *Tranſplantation, Act* 1. § 3. *Learning.*

. 'Tis enacted, (1.) That every Grammar School be
ited twice in the Year, by Viſitors to be appointed by
e Presbytery and Kirk-ſeſſion in Landward Pariſhes,
d by the Town-Council in Burghs, with their Mini-
rs; and where Univerſities are, by the Univerſities,
th Conſent always of the Patrons of the School; that
th the Fidelity and Diligence of Maſters, and the Pro-
iency of the Scholars in Piety and Learning may ap-
ar, and Deficiency cenſured accordingly; and that the
fiters ſee, that the Maſters be not diſtracted by any
ier Employments, which may divert them from their
igent Attendance. (2.) For Remedy of the great De-
of Poeſy, that no School-maſter be admitted to
ch a Grammar-ſchool in Burghs, or in other conſi-
able Pariſhes, but ſuch, as after Examination, ſhall
found skilful in the *Latine* Tongue, not only for Proſe,
t alſo for Verſe; and, that after other Trials to be made
the Miniſters, and others deputed by the Seſſion, Town,
l Pariſh, for this Effect, that he be alſo approven by
Presbytery. (3.) That neither the *Greek* Language,
Logick, nor any Part of Philoſophy, be taught in
Grammar School, or private Place within this King-
n, to young Scholars, who thereafter are to enter to
College, unleſs it be for a Preparation to their Entry
re; and notwithſtanding of any Progreſs any may
tend to have made privately in theſe Studies; yet, in
College, he ſhall not enter to any higher Claſs than
t wherein the *Greek* Language is taught; and being
red, ſhall proceed orderly through the reſt of the
aſſes, until he finiſh the ordinary Courſe of 4 Years:
leſs, after due Trial and Examination, he be found
al in Learning to the beſt, or moſt part of that Claſs
which he deſires to aſcend, by overleaping a mid Claſs;
to the beſt or moſt Part of thoſe who are to be Gra-
ate, if he ſupplicate to obtain any Degree before the
inary Time: And alſo, that there be found other
pregnant

pregnant Reaſons to make the Faculty of Arts te
ſcend thereto, and otherwiſe, that he be not adm
the Degree of Maſter of Arts. (4.) That none
mitted to enter a Student of the *Greek* Tongue
College, unleſs, after Trial, he be found able to
congruous Theme in *Latine*; or at leaſt, being ad
ed of his Error, can readily ſhow how to correct t
(5.) That none be promoved from one inferior
the ordinary Courſe to a ſuperior, unleſs he b
worthy, and to have ſufficiently profited; ot
that he be ordained not to aſcend with his Con
and if he be a Burſar, that he loſe his Burſe: An
ly, it is to be required, that thoſe who are ta
Ariſtotle, be found well inſtructed in his Text,
able to repeat in *Greek*, and underſtand his whole
tions, Diviſions, and principal Precepts, ſo far
have proceeded. (6.) That ſuch Trial be taken
dents, eſpecially of Magiſtrands, that thoſe
found unworthy, be not admitted to the Degree a
nour of Maſters. (7.) That none who have en
one College, without the Teſtimonial of the Ma
that College wherein he entred firſt, both concer
Literature and dutiful Behaviour ſo long as he re
there, at leaſt, until the Maſters of that Colle
whence he cometh be timeouſly advertiſed, th
may declare if they have any Thing lawfully to
jected in the contrary; and that none be admitte
moved, or received to a Degree in any College, w
rejected in another College for his Unfitneſs and
thineſs, or any other Cauſe repugnant to good
or who leaves the College where he was, for eſcha
Cenſure or Chaſtiſing for any Fault committed
or who leaves the College becauſe he was chaſt
for any other Grudge or unjuſt Quarrel againſt h
ſter. (8.) That none of thoſe who may be lawfu
ceived in one College after he was in another, be
ted to any other Claſs, but to that wherein he
ſhould have been in the College from whence h
except upon Reaſons mentioned in the 3d Article
ing. (9.) That at the Time of every General A
the Commiſſioners directed thereto from all th
verſities of this Kingdom, meet and conſult toget
the Eſtabliſhment and Advancement of Piety, L
and good Order in the Schools and Univerſities;
careful, that a Correſpondence be kept among

verſities, and, ſo far as is poſſible, an Uniformity in Doctrine and good Order. *Act Seſſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1645.

Colonels, ſee Papiſts, *Act* 2. § 6.

Commiſſions to Members of Aſſemblies, ſee *Burghs, Act* 1. *Aſſemblies, Act* 5.

I. THAT Commiſſioners from Presbyteries, and others, give in their reſpective Commiſſions to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, the Night, at leaſt, before the firſt Diet of Meeting thereof, to the Effect the Rolls may be timeouſly made up; and that the Commiſſions may be conſidered by the Aſſembly, without any Interruption thro' the making of the Rolls; and that any ſuch Commiſſion as may happen to be undelivered before the ſaid firſt Diet, ſhall only be delivered in the Intervals betwixt the after Diets, and noways in Preſence of the Aſſembly, while actually ſitting. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1694.

II. 'TIS recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries of this National Church to keep an uniform Method, as near as can be, in granting Commiſſions to the Members of the General Aſſembly, and not to inſert particular Inſtructions in their Commiſſions: And for the better attaining the End foreſaid, there is a Form preſcribed for a Directory by the Aſſembly, 1695. *Act* 8. which, with the Addition made thereto by the Aſſembly 1704. *Act* 6. and *Aſſ.* 1720. *Act* 4. are inſert *infra* after the ſaid *Act* 1720.

III. THAT all Commiſſions to Miniſters and Ruling Elders from Presbyteries, Univerſities, and Royal-Burghs, to ſubſequent Aſſemblies, bear, That they have ſubſcribed the Confeſſion of Faith of this Church, according to the 11. *Act* of the *General Aſſembly* 1700. And ſicklike, That no Miniſter or Elder be Nominate or Commiſſionate to be a Member of the General Aſſembly of this Church, by any Presbytery, Burgh, or Univerſity, but ſuch as uſually reſide in, or have a relation to the Presbytery, Burgh, or Univerſity they are Commiſſioned from, *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1704.

IV. ORDERED, That there be adjected to the *Formula* preſcribed to Presbyteries by the *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1695, in giving Commiſſions to their Repreſentatives in General *Aſſemblies, which ſee ſupra*, the following Clauſe, viz. The

The ſaid Presbytery does hereby teſtify and — that all the Miniſters above-named, have ſign — *Formula* enjoined by the 10 *Act* of the *General* — *anno* 1711, and all the Ruling Elders above— have ſigned the *Formula* preſcribed by the 11 *Act* o 1694. But, if the Presbytery be uncertain, whet ther ſaid Elders have ſigned the ſaid *Formula*, or not, *then* Atteſtation ſhall bear, that they are either to ſign it preſence of the Aſſembly, or inſtruct that they h done it before. And further, That all the ſaid Co miſſioners are every other Way qualified to be Memb of Aſſembly, according to the Acts of Aſſembly extra ed by — *cl. Presb.* And that the Presbyteries Atteſta tions of Commiſſions produced, and read in their Pre ſence, after they are extracted and reviſed by them be fore they be put in the Hands of the Commiſſioner as is ordered by the Act 9. Aſſ. 1718. (which ſee in, A ſemblies, Act 5.) ſhall run thus. At — the — Day — Years. The Presbytery having had the above written Extract of their Commiſſion to their Repre ſentatives in the enſuing Aſſembly laid before them they cauſed it to be read; and having reviſed and con ſidered the ſame, they did approve thereof, atteſted by — Moderator, or — Clerk, and the Conſent and Approbation adhibited by Kirk-Seſſions and Presby teries, according to the Direction of the ſaid *Act* o *Aſſ.* 1718. to the Commiſſions given by Royal Burgh to their Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, ſhall be in th Terms following, At — the — Day of — Year The which Day the Kirk-Seſſion of — having had laid before them, a Commiſſion given by the Ma giſtrates and Town-Council of — to — to Re preſent the ſaid Burgh in the enſuing General Aſſembl ly of this National Church, do, in the Terms of th Act 9. Aſſ. 1718. teſtify and declare, that the ſaid — is an Elder lawfully ordained, and that he has ſigne the *Formula* preſcribed by the 11 Act of Aſſ. 1694. An likewiſe, that he is (a Reſidenter in the ſaid Burgh or (an Heritor in the Bounds of the Presbytery of — within which the ſaid Burgh lies) or (has former reſided and officiated as an Elder in the ſaid Burgh) (Presbytery of — within which the ſaid Burgh do lie) and that the Presbyteries Atteſtation ſhall run th *At* — the — Day of — Years. The which D *the Presbytery* of — having had produced before the

ion given by the Magiſtrates and Town- —— to —— to repreſent the ſaid Burgh in Aſſembly of this National Church, with an of the Kirk-Seſſion of the ſaid Burgh, con- he Direction of the Act 9. Aſſ. 1718. And 1720. do in the Terms of the foreſaid Acts tify and declare, That *&c.* and ſo forth, pre- ne Words of the Form above preſcribed to Seſſions. And it's reſolved and declared, miſſions, not in the Terms above-mention- rejected. And it is provided and declared, he Perſon elected by the Burgh-Royal be s above, that the Miniſtry and Seſſion, and *reſpective*, do atteſt him when his Commiſ- ſented to them, *Act.* 4. *Aſſ.* 1720.

orm of the Commiſſion follows, At —— the of —— Years. The which Day the Presbytery d, and hereby do Nominate and Appoint Mr. ter at ——, and Mr. —— Miniſter at —— and g Elder, Their Commiſſioners to the next ſſembly of this Church, endited to meet ne —— Day of —— next to come, or when it ſhall happen them to ſit, willing them to eto, and attend all the Diets of the ſame, and onſult, Vote, and Determine in all Matters that e them, to the Glory of God, and the Good of h, according to the Word of God, the Con- with, and agreeable to the Conſtitutions of ch, as they will be anſwerable; and that they eir Diligence therein at their return there- nd the ſaid Presbytery does hereby teſtify and at all the Miniſters above-named have ſigned enjoined by the 10th Act of the General Aſ- o 1711. and all the ruling Elders above-written d the *Formula* preſcribed by the 11 Act of Aſſem- And further, that all the ſaid Commiſſioners ther way qualified to be Members of Aſſembly to the Acts of Aſſembly, extracted by —— *cl.*

Commissioners to, or Members of Assei their Attendance and Expences in at ing, see *Professors, Unity in Religion*.

I. 'Tis recommended to particular Presbyteries especially, to the ruling Elders thereof, that they take such Course, whereby, according to Reaso former Acts of Assemblies, the Commissioners E to subsequent Assemblies may be born by particul rishes of every Presbytery, who sendeth them in Name, and in their Behalf; and to that effect, th Sorts of Persons able in Land or Moneys propor ly, may bear a Part of the Burden as they re Benefit of their Pains, *Act Sess.* 23 and 24. *Decem* and 18. *Ass.* 1638. *Art.* 10.

II. An Overture that the Act for furnishing ces to Commissioners sent by Presbyteries to the C Assemblies, and sent in Commission by General blies may be explained: And that it be declared all such Commissioners whatsoever, their Expence be furnished by the Kirks of the Presbytery, accord the Order set down in the last Assembly, since th rand is common, and the Benefit concerneth all that Order may be taken, how that an expedie luntary Course thought fit by the Assembly, shall, b vice of Parliament, have the force of a Law, fo pelling these to pay who are stented, both for th and for that and subsequent Assemblies, is allowe referred to the Parliament, *Act Sess.* 22. *Arg.* 2 1639. *Art.* 3.

III. The Act of the Assembly holden at *Bru* 1601, ordaining, that in every Assembly to be con in all Time thereafter, such as should happen appointed Commissioners from the General Assemb endure, while the Assembly next thereafter, shoul an Account of their Proceedings during the Time of their Commission in the beginning of th sembly, before any other Cause or Matter be ha and their Proceedings to be allowed, or disallow the Assembly should think expedient; is revived, *Sess.* 6. *July* 18. *Ass.* 1648.

IV. AN Overture for punctual ſending of Commiſ-ioners to General Aſſemblies, and their Attendance uring the ſitting thereof, tranſmitted to the ſeveral esbyteries for their Opinions. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1697.

V. APPOINTED, That Presbyteries chooſe their Com-iſſioners for the General Aſſembly a competent Time fore the ſitting thereof, at leaſt forty Days, and that ch General Aſſembly appoint a Committee for Cen-res, to cognoſce upon the Dates of Commiſſions, and e Attendance of theſe commiſſionated; to the End, at ſuch Presbyteries as do not make their Election in ie Time, as likewiſe ſuch Commiſſioners as do not tend duly from the Beginning, and through the whole iets of the General Aſſembly, and the Committees hich they may be put upon, not having a relevant Ex-iſe, may be cenſured as the General Aſſembly ſhall ink fit; And it's recommended to Presbyteries to chooſe ch ruling Elders to be their Commiſſioners, as may tend, and ſeriouſly to exhort them, when choſen, to ake Conſcience of attending upon General Aſſem-ies, and the punctual Obſervance of the *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1694. ient giving in Commiſſions, and making up the Rolls e Night before the Aſſembly meet, or the next Morn-g (which ſee in Commiſſions to Members, *&c.*) is re-mmended, for which Purpoſe the Clerk is to attend the Aſſembly-Houſe at that Time, *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1698.

Commiſſions of Aſſemblies, and Commiſ-ſion Members.

I. A Commiſſion is granted to *John* Lord *Maitland*, to eſent the Aſſemblies Supplication to his Majeſty; which : in Supplication, *Act* 2. And their Directions to the ommiſſioners from *Scotland* at *London*; which ſee in Let-r to, and from Commiſſioners, *Act* 1. with their eclaration to the Parliament of *England*; which ſee Declaration, *Act* 1. And their Anſwer to the *gliſh* Miniſter's Letters; which ſee in Letters to, and om Miniſters, *&c.* *Act* 2. And he is appointed to re-ort an Account of his Proceedings to the Commiſſion of at Aſſembly. *Act* 11. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642. *in Fine.*

II. A Commiſſion is granted to the Ends mentioned the Act; and *particularly*, with Power to uſe all *wful and Eccleſiaſtick* Ways, to advance the Unity in

Religion, and Uniformity in Church Governmen twixt the Kingdoms; and to prepare Draughts of a feſſion, Catechiſms, and Directory for Worſhip; an keeping a Correſpondence betwixt the Kirks o Iſland, *&c. Act Seſſ.* 12. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642.

III. A Commiſſion is given to ſome Miniſters an ders, appointing them to repair to *England*, and to ver the Papers therein-mentioned; and impowering to propone, conſult, treat and conclude with the P ment, and Aſſembly of Divines in *England*, to the E mentioned in the former Act. *Seſſ. ult.* Aug. 19. *Aſſ.*

IV. A Commiſſion is granted for furthering the of Reformation, to enjoin the ſubſcribing of the ſe League, in Caſe *England* agree thereto, to call an A bly *pro Re nata*, if Need require; and to correſpond Aſſembly's Name with foreign reformed Kirks; ar the other Ends mentioned above, and in this Act, is *Act Seſſ.* eadem.

V. 'Tis referred to the laſt mentioned Commiſſi order what Number of the former Commiſſioners ſ go together, to deſign the Perſons, determine the and give them Inſtructions, *&c. Act Seſſ. eadem.*

VI. The two above-mentioned Commiſſions, 19. 1643. for publick Affairs are renewed; and more Miniſters and Elders added to the laſt Act. June. 3. *Aſſ.* 1644.

VII. The above Commiſſions 1642, 1643, and are again renewed. *Act Seſſ. ult.* Feb. 13. *Aſſ.* 1645.

VIII. The whole former Commiſſions are agai newed. *Act Seſſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

IX. They are again renewed, by Act, *Seſſ.* 28. *ult. Aſſ.* 1647.

X. A new Commiſſion is granted for the Ends me ned in this Act; and in General, the Commiſſione impowered, to do every Thing for Preſervation c eſtabliſhed Doctrine, Diſcipline, Worſhip and Go ment of this Kirk; and for proſecuting the We Uniformity in Religion in all his Majeſty's Dominion *Act, Seſſ.* 39. Aug. 11. *Aſſ.* 1648.

XI. The Commiſſions granted by preceeding A blies, for proſecuting the Treaty of Uniformity in gion, with the Parliament and Aſſembly of Divin *England*, is again renewed. *Eadem Seſſ.*

XII. Another Commiſſion is granted to ſome *niſters* and Elders for the ſame Ends, with that

by *Aſſ.* 1648. And further impowering them, to ſend Commiſſioners to *England*, for proſecuting the Treaty of Uniformity. *Act, Seſſ.* 40. Aug. 4. *Aſſ.* 1649.

XIII. SOME Miniſters and Elders are appointed for viſiting the whole Presbyteries on the South-ſide of *Tay*, and for other Ends mentioned in Act 16. *Aſſ.* 1690.

XIV. ANOTHER Commiſſion is granted for viſiting the whole Presbyteries on the Northſide of *Tay*; and to plant, try, and purge in Manner mentioned, in *Act* 17. *eadem Seſſ.*

XV. MRS. *Gilbert Rule* and *David Blair* are appointed to attend the King's Majeſty about the Affairs of this Church; and their Inſtructions, and what other Things concern their Jouney, is referred to the foreſaid Commiſſion, for viſiting on the South-ſide of *Tay*. *Act* 18. *eadem Seſſ.*

XVI. SOME Miniſters and Elders are appointed to diſcuſs all References and Appeals, and other Matters referred to them, conform to the Inſtructions given to them. *Act.* 18. *Aſſ.* 1694.

XVII. ANOTHER Commiſſion is granted to the ſame Effect, to proceed conform to their Inſtructions; which ſee in Inſtructions, *Act* 1. *Act* 20. *Aſſ.* 1696.

XVIII. ANOTHER by *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1697.

XIX. ANOTHER by *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1698.

XX. ANOTHER by *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1699.

XXI. A Commiſſion is granted for viſiting the Bounds of the Provinces of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray* and *Roſs*; and to purge and plant Churches, redreſs Grievances; and to try Perſons diſſeminating erroneous Principles, and heretical Doctrines, *&c.* *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1700.

XXII. ANOTHER Commiſſion is granted to four Miniſters and an Elder to viſit *Zetland*, *Orkney* and *Caithneſs*. *Act* 13. *Seſſ. eadem.*

XXIII. ANOTHER is granted for planting vacant Churches in the North; and other Affairs referred to them, and contained in their Inſtructions; which ſee in Inſtructions Act 5th, and Preceeding by *Act* 19. *Aſſ.* 1700.

XXIV. A Commiſſion is granted for viſiting the Preſbytery of *Middlebee*; and to endeavour to remove the Grievances there. *Act* 23. *Aſſ.* 1700.

XXV. ANOTHER for planting vacant Kirks, *&c.* is granted by *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1701.

XXVI. ANOTHER to the ſame Purpoſe, is granted by *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1702.

XXVII. ANOTHER by *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1703. But here the *Quorum* is augmented to 21, whereof 15 to be Miniſters.

XXVIII. ANOTHER by *Act.* 19. *Aſſ.* 1704.

XXIX. ANOTHER by Act 13. Aſſ. 1705.

XXX. ANOTHER of the ſame Tenor, by Act 17, Aſſ. 1706. The fixed Meetings of this Commiſſion is only to be twice in the Year, *viz.* The firſt *Wedneſday* of *Auguſt*, and the penult *Wedneſday* of *March*; and in this Commiſſion, the Inſtructions given by the preceeding Aſſembly, are held as repeated; The Attendance of Members ſtrictly enjoined; Liſts of Abſents ordered to be ſent to the Synods, in Order to cenſure; and alſo to be laid before the next Aſſembly.

XXXI. A Commiſſion is granted of the ſame Tenor with former Ones; by Act 12. Aſſ. 1707.

XXXII. ANOTHER is granted by Aſſembly 1708, wherein the general Clauſe in fomer Commiſſions, impowering them to advert to the Intereſts of the Church on all Occaſions, is cautioned with a Proviſion, That the ſaid Power ſhall not be extended to particular Affairs, or Proceſſes before Presbyteries or Synods, that are of univerſal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church; and the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and other Presbyteries within twelve Miles of *Edinburgh*, are diſcharged to meet at any of the Diets appointed for the Meetings of the Commiſſion. Act 8. Aſſ. 1708.

XXXIII, XXXIV. COMMISSIONS of the ſame Tenor with the former, are granted by the Aſſ. 1709. Act 9, Aſſ. 1710. Act 14.

XXXV. A Commiſſion of the like Tenor with the former, is granted by Aſſembly 1711, only their *Quorum* is augmented from Twenty one to Thirty one, whereof Twenty one are always to be Miniſters: And 'tis declared, That what ſhall be determined at one Diet, ſhall be unalterable by any other Diet of the Commiſſion; and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force, until diſapproven by the Aſſembly; and Presbyteries at the Diſtance of more than twelve Miles from *Edinburgh*, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care, that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet. Act 8. Aſſ. 1711.

XXXVI. ANOTHER Commiſſion of the ſame Tenor with the former, is given by the Aſſembly 1712, only this Commiſſion is made to endure, not to the next Aſſembly only, as is ordered in all the preceeding Commiſ-

ſions; but until another Commiſſion be appointed. Act 8. Aſſ. 1712.

XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXXIX, and XL. OTHER Commiſſions of the ſame Tenor, with that immediately preceeding, are granted by Aſſ. 1713. Act 8. Aſſ. 1714. Act 10. Aſſ. 1715. Act 11, and by Aſſ. 1716. But here the Inſtructions given by the Aſſ. 1715, to their Commiſſion, are renewed; and appointed to ſtand for Inſtructions to this Commiſsion. Act. 5. Aſſ. 1716.

XLI, XLII, XLIII. Other Commiſſions are given by *Aſſ.* 1717. *Act* 5, and *Aſſ.* 1718. but here again, the Inſtructions given by the laſt Aſſembly are renew'd, as Inſtructions to this Commiſſion. *Act* 5. and by *Aſſ.* 1719. with the Inſtructions renew'd: This Commiſſion is appointed to enquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading Books and Pamphlets tending to the diffuſing the condemned *Auchterarder* Propoſition, (which ſee in *Formula*) and promoting a Scheme of Opinions relative thereto; and to call the Recommenders of them before them and they are impowered to judge in Caſes of Doctrine, and appointed to take care, that the Impreſſions of the Holy Scriptures, *Confeſſion of Faith*, and *Catechiſms*, and other Books relating to the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government of this Church be correct. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1719.

XLIV. ANOTHER Commiſſion, with Inſtructions renew'd, are given by *Aſſ.* 1720. *Act* 6.

XLV. MEMBERS of the Commiſſion are required, and ordained to give all due Attendance thereon, as they will be anſwerable; and the ſeveral Presbyteries are enjoined to ſend up ſuch of their Number as are Members thereof, to each Quarterly Meeting of the ſame; and the Clerks of the Commiſſion are ordained to record Liſts of the Abſents from each Quarterly Meeting, and from the Meetings in Time of Parliament, (without a reaſonable Excuſe) or who ſhall go away therefrom without Leave firſt obtained, and ſend an Extract of their Names to their reſpective Synods, who are impartially to enquire into the Reaſons of their Abſence, and to cenſure them as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, and make Report thereof to the General Aſſembly; and to this Effect, the Clerk of the Commiſſion is ordered to lay before the Aſſembly the Liſts of theſe Abſents: And it is recommended to Preſbyteries, to ſupply the Charges of the Miniſters who are

Members of the Commiſſion, during their Attendance thereon. *Act 6. Aſſ.* 1703.

XLVI. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries, to ſend in their Advice, anent regulating the Commiſſions of the General Aſſemblies; and eſpecially, in the Particulars mentioned in the Act; and to chooſe the wiſeſt, and moſt grave, and experienced of their Number, to repreſent them in the next Aſſembly. *Act 16. Aſſ.* 1704.

XLVII. 'Tis appointed and ordained, That in Time coming, the whole Presbyteries of this National Church be equally repreſented in Commiſſions of the General Aſſembly; and that their Repreſentation be proportional to the Number of Miniſters that are in each Presbytery, the old Miniſters, who were ordained before the Year 1662, being always ſupernumerary: And ſicklike, that two or three of the Members of the General Aſſembly in each Synod, be appointed as a Committee, to Name the Members of the Commiſſion; and that the whole Repreſentatives of Presbyteries in the ſeveral Synods, at the Aſſembly, do meet by themſelves, and name their reſpective Members of the ſaid Committee. And it is declared, That it ſhall be free to any Member of the Aſſembly, to attend the ſaid Committee, if they think fit: And it is appointed, That the Expences of the ſaid Commiſſioners be born and defray'd by the ſeveral Presbyteries which they repreſent, according to the Number of the Days of their Attendance; and that their Presbyteries take care to ſupply their Charges with Preaching, during their Abſence upon the ſaid Account; and that ſuch as ſhall be abſent from the ſaids Commiſſions, or Diets of the ſame, without a reaſonable Excuſe repreſented to, and admitted by the Commiſſion, be cenſured by their reſpective Synods; and that the Clerk of the Commiſſion ſend Liſts of theſe Abſents to the ſeveral Synods for that End, according to the above-mentioned *Act 6. Aſſ.* 1703. See *Act 6. Aſſ.* 1705.

XLVIII. And the ſeveral Presbyteries are appointed to be careful to ſend one, at leaſt, of their Number, who are Members of the Commiſſion, to attend the Meetings thereof by Turns, and to ſend in to the Commiſſion, the Names of ſuch, as they have appointed to attend the ſeveral Diets thereof; that theſe who are negligent in this Matter, may be cenſured according to former

former Acts of Aſſembly thereanent. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1705.

XLIX. It is reſolved and appointed, That all Members of the Commiſſions of this and ſubſequent Aſſemblies, be qualified according to the Acts of Aſſembly, particularly, the Act 9. Aſſembly 1718; which ſee in *Aſſemblies* before they vote or act as ſuch. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Commiſſion Book.

I. The Books and Regiſters of the Actings and Proceedings of the above-mentioned Commiſſions of Aſſembly, are ratified and approven by the Aſſemblies ſucceeding to each Commiſſion, as follows, *viz.* The Proceedings of the Commiſſion of Aſſembly 1642, are approven by *Act Seſſ.* 7. Aug. 9. *Aſſ.* 1643.

II. The Proceedings of the Commiſſions of the General Aſſemblies 1643, and 1644, approven by *Act Seſſ.* 5. Jan. 28. *Aſſ.* 1645.

III. The Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of Aſſembly 1645, approven by *Act Seſſ.* 10. June 13. *Aſſ.* 1646.

IV. The Proceedings of the Commiſſion of Aſſembly 1646, approven by *Act Seſſ.* 22. Aug. 26. *Aſſ.* 1647.

V. The Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of General Aſſembly 1647, eſpecially their Declarations, Remonſtrances, Repreſentations, Petitions, Vindications, and other Papers relating to the Engagement in War againſt *England*, and their Judgment of the Unlawfulneſs thereof, approven by *Act Seſſ.* 7. July 18. *Aſſ.* 1648.

VI. Commission-Book 1648, by *Act Seſſ.* 4. July 7. *Aſſ.* 1649.

VII. The Proceedings of the Commiſſioners ſent to *England*, and to his Majeſty, are approven by *Act Seſſ.* 6. July 10. *Aſſ.* 1649.

VIII. The Proceedings of the Commiſſioners of Aſſemblies 1690 and 1694, are approven by *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1696.

IX. The Commiſſion Book 1696, approven by *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1697.

X. Commission Book 1697, by *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1698.

XI. Commission Book 1698, by *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1699.

XII. Commission Book 1699, by *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1700.

XIII. Com-

XIII. COMMISSION BOOK 1700, by *Act* 5. 1701.

XIV. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners f *Zetland*, *Orkney* and *Caithness*, by the said Assembly are approven by *Act* 12. *Sess.* 1701.

XV. AND the Proceedings of the Commissioner by the same Assembly 1700, to *Angus*, *Mearns*, *Ab Murray* and *Ross*, are likewise approven, by *Act* 1 *Sess*

XVI. THE Commission Book 1701, is approve *Act* 7. *Sess.* 1703.

XVII, THE Commission Book 1703, by *Act* 1 1704.

XVIII. COMMISSION BOOK 1704, by *Act* 1705.

XIX. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners General Assembly 1705, are approven by *Act* 1706.

XX. THE Proceedings of the Commission 17 *Act* 9. Ass. 1707, and after this no approbatory A that Nature are printed, because of the foll *Act*, appointing, That in all Time thereafter the *Formula* be observed, in the Approbation of the A and Proceedings of the Commissions of Assemblies is prescribed by the Acts of Assemblie, to be obser the Attestation of the Synod Books. *Act* 8. *Sess.* 1

Commissions Royal.

THE several Commissions granted by our Sove to the Noblemen aftermentioned, who represented Royal Persons in the Assemblies of this Church, a corded always the first *Sederunt* of each respectiv sembly.

I. II. COMMISSIONS by King *William* and *Mary* to *John* Lord *Carmichael*, to represent their Persons in Assembly 1690 and 1694, are recorded i first Acts of these Assemblies.

III. IV. V. VI. COMMISSONS by King *Willi* the same Lord *Carmichael*, to represent his Royal I in Assemblies 1696, 1697, 1698, and 1699, are rec in the first Acts of the said Assemblies.

VII. A Commission by King *William* to *James* Vi of *Seafield*, to represent his Royal Person in Ass 1700, is recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

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VIII. A Commiſſion by the ſame King, to *William* Earl of *Annandale*, Commiſſioner to Aſſembly 1701, recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

IX. Another by King *William* to *Patrick* Earl of *Marchmount*, then Lord High Chancellor, Commiſſioner to Aſſembly 1702, recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

X. A Commiſſion by Queen *Anne*, to the ſaid *James* then Earl of *Seafield*, and Lord High Chancellor, her Commiſſioner to Aſſembly 1703, recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

XI. ANOTHER by her Majeſty, to *William* Lord *Roſs*, her Commiſſioner to Aſſembly 1704, recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

XII. ANOTHER by her Majeſty, to the ſaid *William* then Marquis of *Annandale*, to repreſent her in Aſſembly 1705, is recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

XIII. XIV. XV. XVI. XVII. COMMISSIONS by her Majeſty, to *David* Earl of *Glaſgow*, for Aſſemblies 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710. are recorded in the firſt Acts of theſe Aſſemblies.

XVIII. HER Commiſſion to *William* Marqueſs of *Annandale*, to repreſent her Royal Perſon in Aſſembly 1711, is recorded in Act 1. of that Aſſembly.

XIX. XX. XXI. HER Commiſſions to *John* Duke of *Athole*, to repreſent her Majeſty in Aſſemblies 1712, 1713, and 1714, are recorded in the firſt Acts of theſe Aſſemblies.

XXII. XXIII. XXIV. XXV. XXVI. XXVII. HIS Majeſty King *George* his Commiſſions to *John* Earl of *Rothes*, to repreſent his Royal Perſon in Aſſemblies 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, and 1720. are recorded in Acts 1ſt of the foreſaid Aſſemblies.

Committees, ſee *Ordering of the Aſſembly-Houſe, Act* 1. § 4.

UPON the News of King *William*'s Sickneſs, a Committee is appointed to name Members of a Commiſſion, and to draw Inſtructions to them. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1702.

Committee for Cenſures, ſee *Commiſſioners to Aſſembly, Act* 5.

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Committee of Eſtates, ſee *Engagement* i *War with* England.

Common-Prayer Book.

THE Book of Common-Prayer is rejected and co demned, not only as illegally introduced upon the R formed Kirk within this Realm; but alſo, as repugn to the Doctrine, Diſcipline, and Order of this Kirk, the Confeſſion of Faith, Conſtitutions of General ſemblies, and Acts of Parliament, eſtabliſhing the t Religion; and the Uſe and Practice thereof is prohibi and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the C ſures of the Kirk againſt ſuch as tranſgreſs. *Act Seſſ.* Dec. 6. *Aſſ.* 1638.

Common Tunes, ſee *Tunes.*

Communion, ſee *Catechiſm, Lord's Supper, norance.*

IT is recommended to all Miniſters, in whoſe Pari Perſons educated in other Proteſtant Churches happen to reſide, to ſhow all Tenderneſs to them w they come to deſire the Benefit of Sealing Ordinan and if ſuch Strangers, being free of Scandal, and p feſſing their Faith in Chriſt, and Obedience to him, deſire Baptiſm to their Children, Miniſters ſhall ch fully comply with their Deſire, in adminiſtrating Sacrament of Baptiſm to their Children, upon the rents engaging to educate them in the Fear of God, Knowledge of the Principles of the Reformed Proteſt Religion. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Communicants, ſee *Lord's Supper.*

Competing Calls.

'TIS recommended to Presbyteries, to think u ſome Overture to prevent Competitions of Calls; in caſe of ſuch, how to prevent their coming to ſu rior Judicatories; as alſo, an Overture to prevent giving of a ſecond Call, by a different Pariſh, to *Miniſter* or Probationer, during the Dependance

prior Call from another Pariſh or Pariſhes, and Proceſs thereupon, and until the firſt Call and Proceſs be diſcuſt. *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Competency of Judicatures and Proceſſes, ſee *Bounds of Juriſdiction, Appeals, Act* 6. *Groſs Scandals.*

I. WHEN a Buſineſs is moved, the Judicature ſhould firſt conſider if it be proper for them to enter upon it, and if it be orderly brought in; and whether it be proper for them to diſcuſs it themſelves, or only to prepare it for ſuperior Judicatures; and they ſhould endeavour to ſhorten their Work as much, as with the Edification of the Church they can, and as will conſiſt with prudent Zeal againſt Sin. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 2. *Act* 11. *Aſ.* 1707.

II. WHEN Perſons guilty of Uncleanneſs, live one in one Pariſh, and another in another Pariſh, the Proceſs and Cenſures are to be before the Seſſion of the Pariſh where the Woman liveth, or where the Scandal is moſt notour. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 15. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. If a Scandal of Uncleanneſs be committed where neither Party reſides, the Perſons guilty are to be Proceſſed and Cenſured where their ordinary Abode is, except the Place of their Abode be at a conſiderable Diſtance from the Place where the Sin was committed, and the Scandal be moſt flagrant where it was committed. *Ibid.* § 6.

Complainer and Complaints, ſee *Aſſemblies, Act* 4. *Miniſters, Act* 5. § 3.

Compliers with Enemies, ſee *Publick Enemies.*

THAT no Perſon guilty of Compliance in the firſt Claſs, mentioned in *Seſſ.* 14. June 17. *Aſſ.* 1646. which ſee in *Publick Enemies*, be received into any Eccleſiaſtical Charge, until the Evidence of his Repentance, before the Presbytery and Congregation, be reported to the Synod to which he belongs, and to the General Aſſembly, and their Conſent obtained to his bearing Office; and that any ſuch Perſon *already* received into the Eldership of

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any particular Congregation, be not admitted to I Member of any Presbytery, Synod, or General Assem until (upon Evidence of his Repentance) the Con and Approbation of these Judicatories *respective* be tained thereto. *Act Sess.* 27. Aug. ult. *Ass.* 1647.

Concealing the Father of a Child, see *Fat Adultery.*

Conference, see *Prophaneness, Act* 4. § 5.

Confession of Faith, see *Covenant, Pap Act* 1, 8. *Atheistical Opinions, School- sters, Act* 2. 3. *Commissions to Member Assemblies, Act* 4. *Instructions, Act* 1. § 6. 2. § 6. *Students of Theology, Act* 3. *I rigionism, Act* 4. *Doctrine, Act* 1. 4. *U versities, Act* 4.

I. An Overture, That all Persons, of whatsom State or Condition, be obliged to swear and subs the *Confession of Faith*, as then condescended on by the neral Assembly, under Pain of Censure; referred to several Presbyteries, by *Sess.* 23, 24. Dec. 17, 18. 1638. *Art.* 11.

II. 'Tis ordained, That no sort of Person, of w somever Quality or Degree, be permitted to speak or w against the *Confession of Faith*, concluded on by this K both concerning Doctrine and Discipline; or ag that Assembly, or any Act thereof, upon the Pain Censure. *Ibid. Art.* 17.

III. The *Confession of Faith*, and *National Covenant Oath* of this Kirk, as renewed in *February* 1638, is allo and approven in the haill Heads and Articles ther and all Masters of Universities, Colleges and Sch and all others who had not already subscribed the *Confession* and *Covenant*, are ordained to subscribe the sa with these Words prefixt to the Subscription, *viz. Article of this Covenant, which was at the first Subscription ferred to the Determination of the Assembly, being now deter ned at* Glasgow, *in* December 1638, *and whereby the Articles of* Perth, *and the* Government of the Kirk by Bi

ng declared to be abjured and removed, the Civil Places and wer of Kirk-men declared to be unlawful; we ſubſcribe, accor- g to the Determination of the ſaid free and lawful General ſſembly. And the ſaid *Covenant*, with that *Declaration*, is dained to be inſert in the Regiſters of the Aſſemblies this Kirk, General, Provincial, and Presbyterial, *ad rpetuam rei memoriam. Act Sess.* 26. Dec. 20. *Aſſ.* 1638. nd by a ſubſequent Act of the ſame Date, his Majeſty Addreſſed, That he would acknowledge and approve e foreſaid true Interpretation, by his Royal Warrant, be put in Record for that Effect; and in the mean me the ſwearing, or ſubſcribing the ſaid Confeſſion as reſted to a contrary Meaning, by an Explication there- f made by the Privy Council is prohibite and diſ- harged under the pain of Eccleſiaſtick Cenſure, but at they ſubſcribe the ſame as in the former Act, *Ibid.*

IV. THE General Aſſembly, by their Supplication to is Majeſty's Commiſioner, and Lords of ſecret Council, o vindicate themſelves from all diſloyal Deſigns, and o ſolemnly ſwear their mutual Concurrence and Aſſiſt- nce for the Cauſe of Religion, and Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, in the Preſervation nd Defence of the true Religion, Liberties and Laws f this Kirk and Kingdom, in quiet Manner, or in rms, as they ſhould be required by his Majeſty, his Council, or any having their Authority; and do umbly ſupplicate them to enjoin by an Act of Coun- il, the Subſcription of the Confeſſion and Cove- ant. In Anſwer to which Supplication, the Lords f Privy Council, by their Act *Auguſt* 3. 1639. ſubjoin- d to this Act, do ordain accordingly, *Act Seſſ.* 23. *Au- uſti* 30. *Aſſ.* 1639. And his Majeſty's Commiſſioner de- lares his Majeſty's Allowance and Conſent, that the Covenant, with the Aſſemblies foreſaid Explanation, be ubſcribed throughout all the Kingdom *Ibid.* and he, in his Majeſty's Name, does ſubſcribe the ſame, with a Declara- ion prefixt, that the ſaid Confeſſion is one in Subſtance with that which was ſubſcribed by his Majeſty's Father in 1580, 1581, and 1590, and oftner ſince renewed; and declares his Majeſty's Conſent that an Act of Aſſembly be paſt enjoining the Subſcription of the ſame; but ſub- joins a Declaration that the Practice of the Things pro- hibited by the Covenant, within this Kirk and King- dom, out with the Kingdom of *Scotland*, ſhould never bind *nor infer Cenſure* againſt the Practices out-with the

the Kingdom, and desires, that the same might sert in the Register of the Kirk. The Assembly to give Warrand for such Practice, as not agreeab a good Conscience, but the same is insert only vo *Ibid.*

V THE Confession of Faith and Covenan gain approven, and ordained to be subscribed, a said; As also by all Scholars at passing their by all Persons suspected of Papistry. And fina all Members of this Kirk and Kingdom, and t liament is supplicate by their Authority to sat enjoin the same, under all civil Pains, *Ibid.*

VI. THE Confession of Faith for the Kirks in the three Kingdoms, agreed upon by the of Divines sitting at *Westminster*, with assistance o missioners from the Kirk of *Scotland*, found to agreeable to the Word of God, and in nothing c to the received Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, a vernment of this Kirk: And is therefore appro agreed unto by the Assembly for their Part, as mon Confession of Faith for the three Kingdom its declared, that the not mentioning therein several Sorts of Ecclesiastical Officers and Ass shall be no Prejudice to the Truths of Christ i particulars, to be expressed fully in the Direc Government, and that the Assembly understan Parts of *Art.* 2. *Cap.* 31. only of Kirks not se constituted in Point of Government, and that in such Kirks a Synod of Ministers and other sons may be called by the Magistrates Authority a mination, without any other Call, to consult an with, about Matters of Religion; and although the Ministers of Christ without Delegation fro Churches, may of themselves, by Virtue of their meet together Synodically, in such Kirks not yet tuted; yet neither of these ought to be done in constituted and settled; It being always free to t gistrate, to advise with Synods of Ministers and Elders, meeting upon Delegation from their Ch either ordinarily, or being endited by his Autho casionally *& pro Re nata*: It being also free to a together Synodically, as well *pro re nata*, as at o Times, upon Delegation from the Churches, *intrinsical* Power received from Christ, as often *necessary* for the Good of the Church to be a

in caſe the Magiſtrate, to the Detriment of the Church, withhold or deny his Conſent; the Neceſſity of Occaſional Aſſemblies being firſt remonſtrated to him by humble Supplication. *Act Seſſ.* 23. Aug. 27. *Aſſ.* 1647.

VII. THAT all Probationers licenſed to Preach, all Intrants to the Miniſtry, and all other Miniſters and Elders, received into Communion with the Church in its Government, be obliged to ſubſcribe their Approbation of the *Confeſſion of Faith*, approven by the former General Aſſemblies of this Church, and ratified in the ſecond Seſſion of the then current Parliament. *Act* 5. *June* 7. 1690. And this is recommended to the Diligence of the ſeveral Presbyteries, and they are appointed to record their diligence thereanent in their reſpective Regiſters: *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1690. *Art.* 1.

VIII. 'TIS recommended to all Synods and Presbyteries, to enquire what Miniſters, Probationers, or Schoolmaſters within their reſpective bounds, have not ſubſcribed the *Confeſſion of Faith*, conform to former Acts of the General Aſſembly, as the Confeſſion of their Faith; that theſe that have not done it, may be put thereto, and that there be a new Impreſſion of the *Confeſſion of Faith* in Folio, for that End. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1699.

IX. THAT all Miniſters and Ruling Elders belonging to this National Church, ſubſcribe the *Confeſſion of Faith*, as the Confeſſion of their Faith, according to the Act of Aſſembly 1690, and the *Formula* agreed upon in the Aſſembly held in the Year 1694, *Act* 11. § 6. Which ſee in *Inſtructions*. And that this be done betwixt and the next Aſſembly. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1700.

Confeſſion of Parties.

IF a Perſon do voluntarily confeſs uncleanneſs, and if there be no Child, and the Caſe be brought to the Kirk-ſeſſion, the Seſſion is to enquire, what Preſumptions there are of the Truth of the Thing confeſſed, or what may have moved the Perſon to make that Confeſſion; whether it floweth from Diſquietneſs of Mind, or from ſiniſtruous Deſign; and the Perſons concerned are to be dealt with, according as the Preſumptions, upon Search, are found, or not. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 12. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. If it be found there is no Ground for the Confeſſion, and that it is falſe, the Perſon confeſſing is to be cenſured, as defaming himſelf, *and likewiſe*, as a Slanderer of the o-

ther Party: And withal, Application is to be m
the Civil Magiſtrate, that he may be puniſhed acc
to Law. *Ibid.* § 13.

Confirmation, ſee *Articles of* Perth.
Conform, or, **Epiſcopal Miniſters**, ſee *I*
Congregations, ſee *Father*, § 7.

THAT in preſenting, either of Paſtors, or P
and Schoolmaſters, to particular Congregations, t
a Reſpect had to the Congregation; and that no
be intruded in any Office of the Kirk, contrair
Will of the Congregation to which they are app
Act Seſſ. 23 & 24 *Decem.* 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.*

Conſecration, ſee *Ordination.*
Conſent of the People, ſee *Congregations*
Conſulting with Spirits, ſee *Witchcraft*
1, *in fine Act* 2.
Contrair Oaths, ſee *Oaths.*
Contribution, ſee *Chriſtian Knowledge, S*
Act 5. *Burſars.*
Controverſies of Religion, ſee *Studen*
Theologie, Act 1 *in fine. Presbyterial*
ings.

THAT controverted Heads of Doctrine be h
and publickly diſputed in Presbyteries once every
Act Seſſ. 23 & 24, *Decem.* 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *See t*
in Presbyterial Meetings.

Contumacy, ſee *Scandals. Act* 2. *Excom*
nication the higher, Father, groſs Sca

THO' a Perſon not appearing on the third Cita
upon a Citation *apud acta*, and not adducing and
ing a relevant Excuſe, be cenſurable for Contumac

it may be fit to take Cognition of the Verity of the Scandals delated againſt him, either by examining of Witneſſes upon Oath, or other Documents, before they cenſure him for Contumacy. *Form. Proc. Cap.* 2. § 6. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Converts from Popery, ſee *Papiſts, Act* 8. **Correſpondence among Judicatures,** ſee *Provincial Aſſemblies, Remedies againſt Sins,* and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs.* 14, *Abſolution, Orknay.*

I. THAT Correſpondence be kept amongſt Presbyteries conſtantly by Letters, without Prejudice of the perſonal Correſpondence when need requires, that one Preſbytery may underſtand what many are doing, and they may be mutually aſſiſting each to other. *Act Seſſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ* 1646.

II. WHEN there is a Scandal of Uncleanneſs, whereof Perſons are guilty living in different Pariſhes, the Seſſion where the Sin is committed, is to acquaint the other Seſſions where any of the Perſons reſide, who are, *ex debito,* to cauſe ſummon theſe Perſons to appear before that Seſſion where the Scandal is to be tried, *Form. Proc. Cap.* 4. § 17. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. When a Perſon is convict of Scandal by a Seſſion of another Congregation than his own, and the Cenſure of the leſſer Excommunication is inflicted, the Seſſion is to ſend an Account thereof to that Seſſion to which he belongs; but there is no need of any other Sentence of his own Seſſion, to fix the Cenſure on him, but only a publick Intimation thereof to be made in his own Pariſh. *Ibid.* § 18.

III. THE Synods of *Lothian, Perth, Fife* and *Aberdeen,* are ordained to ſend Correſpondents to the Synod of *Angus,* until the Aſſembly ſhould ſee Cauſe to alter it. Act 7. Aſſ. 1701. And this Correſpondence is continued for one Year, and is thenceforth declared to ceaſe, and the foreſaid four Synods to be free of the Burden thereof; unleſs, upon Application of the ſaid Synod of *Angus* to ſubſequent Aſſemblies, they ſhould ſee cauſe to continue or renew the ſame. Act 6. Aſſ. 1718.

Corruptions of the Times, and Corr
in the Ministry, see *Ministers, Ac*
Silence of Ministers.
Court-attendance is prohibited in Mi
see *Ministers, Act* 1, and there, *Cor*
in their Persons and Lives. § 5.
Covenant, see *Confession of Faith, Ac*
5. *Speakers against the Covenant, Exp*
Act 2. *Students of Philosophy, Silence*
nisters, Declaration, Acts 3, 4, 5. §
6. *prope finem.*

THE advice of the Commissioners of the Ge
sembly 1642, recommending to Presbyteries to
pies of the Covenant, to be subscribed by every
at his Admission, is approven, and the Covenan
ted to be printed, with the said Ordinance prefi
to; and that every Synod, Presbytery and Pa
one of them bound *in Quarto*, with some bla
whereupon every Person may be obliged to subsc
that the Covenants of the Synods and Presbyteri
by their Moderators *respective*; of Universities,
Principals; and of Parishes, by their Ministers
Carefulness; and that a particular Account
ence to this Act, be required thereafter in all
of Parishes, Universities and Presbyteries, and i
als of Presbyteries and Synods: And all Minist
dained to make Intimation of the Act of Assemb
burgh 1639, *Aug.* 30. enjoining all Persons to sub
Covenant, under all Ecclesiastical Censure, in th
and thereafter to proceed with the Censures of
against such as shall refuse to subscribe the C
and that exact Account be taken of every Minis
gence thereintill by their Presbyteries and Synod
would answer to the General Assembly. *Act Se*
Ass. 1643.

II. THE Resolutions of the Committees of the
tion of Estates of *Scotland*, and of the General
and of the Commissioners of the Two Houses of
liament of England, That the Form of the Cove

into by both Nations, then condeſcended on, and amongſt them, ſhould be preſented to the General bly, to the Convention of Eſtates of *Scotland*, and Two Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, by their ive Committees and Commiſſioners, that it might, ll Speed, receive their reſpective Reſolutions, is nar- n *Act Seſ.* 14. Aug. 17. *Aſſ.* 1643.

AND the Covenant above mentioned is unanimou- roven and embraced by the Aſſembly, as the moſt ful mean, by the Bleſsing of God, for ſettling & pre- the true Proteſtant Religion, & perfect Peace in his y's Dominions, and propagating the ſame to other is. and for eſtabliſhing His Majeſty's Throne to all nd Generations: And 'tis recommended to the ation of Eſtates, that being examined and appro- them, it may be ſent with all Speed to the King- f *England*, that being received and approven there, be, with publick Humiliation, and all religious ſwerable Solemnity, ſworn and ſubſcribed by all rofeſſors of the Reformed Religion, and all His y's good Subjects in both Kingdoms. *Ibid.*

THAT all Miniſters take Notice when any Perſon, ſted to the National Covenant of this Kirk, and to lemn League and Covenant of the Three King- ſhall come within their Pariſhes, and ſo ſoon as all happen to know the ſame, That without Delay auſe warn them to appear before the Presbyteries which their Pariſhes lie, or before the Commiſ- of the General Aſſembly, as they ſhall find moſt ient; and which Warning is declared a ſufficient on; and that Miniſters and Elders delate to the dicatories *reſpective*, every ſuch diſaffected Perſon, gh without their own Pariſh, ſo ſoon as they ſhall id be informed of them; and the Commiſsion is ed. not only to proceed to Trial and Cenſure of ſaffected Perſons, but alſo, to take a ſpecial Account Diligence of Miniſters, Elders, and Presbyteries *reſpective*. *Act Seſ.* 6. June 3. *Aſſ.* 1644.

THAT all young Students take the Covenant at rſt Entry to Colleges, and that all Perſons whatſo- ke the Covenant at their firſt Receiving the Sa- nt of the Lord's Supper; and that all Provincial As- s, Presbyteries and Univerſities, be careful that this obſerved, and that Account thereof be taken in

the Viſitation of Univerſities and particular Kirks, and in the Trial of Presbyteries. *Act Seſſ.* 31, Aug. 7. *Aſſ.* 1648.

Crucifixes, ſee *Idolatrous Monuments.*

Curſing and Swearing, ſee *Prophaneneſs, Act* 3. § 6.

D.

Dalry-pariſh, ſee *Stranrawer.*

THE Pariſhes of *Dalry* and *Carſfern* are disjoyned from the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, and re-united, and again annexed to the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, as they were before the *Act* 4, *Aſſ.* 1699. ſee *Act* 13, *Aſſ.* 1703.

Dancing, ſee *Lykwakes.*

PROMISCUOUS Dancing is prohibited and diſcharged, and the Cenſure thereof referred, and earneſtly recommended to the Care and Diligence of the ſeveral Presbyteries. *Act Seſſ.* 18. July 19. *Aſſ.* 1649. And this Act is revived by *Act* 20, *Aſſ.* 1701. which ſee in *Lykwakes.*

Dangers of Religion, ſee *Declaration, Act* 3. §.

Deacons, ſee *Worſhip ſecret. Act* 4.

'TIS recommended to all Miniſters to take care, that Deacons as well as Elders be ordained in ſuch Congregations where Deacons are wanting: But 'tis declared, That Deacons, as ſuch, ſhall have no deciſive Voice in calling of Miniſters, or in the Exerciſe of Church-diſcipline. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Deans, ſee *Titles* of *Dignity.*

Debarring from the Communion, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *particular Eccleſiaſtick Remedy* 4.

Declaration, ſee *Parliament of* England, *Act* 2. 3. *Supplication, Act* 3. *Mr.* Alexander Henderſon *in Lit. H. large Declaration.*

I. THE Declaration of the Parliament of *England*, ſhewing their Deſire to have an Uniformity in Church Government, betwixt the Kingdoms, and the Aſſemblies Anſwer thereto, preſſing the ſame from the ſeveral Arguments, Motives, and Encouragements therein mentioned, are recorded in *Seſſ.* 8. *Aug.* 3. *Aſſ.* 1642.

II. THE Declaration ſubſcribed by the *Scottiſh* Lords at *Oxford*, is condemned as a perfidious Bond, and an unnatural Confederacy, *&c.* and the Subſcribers thereof, or of the like Declaration, or Bond, or any that were acceſſory to the framing, or Execution thereof, are declared to deſerve the higheſt Cenſure of the Kirk; The Commiſſion is impowered to execute this Act by themſelves, or to refer the ſame to Presbyteries or Synods, as they ſhould think convenient; and they are diſcharged to relax the Delinquents from the Sentences that ſhould be pronounced againſt them, without the Advice of the Aſſembly, or Commiſſioners thereof, *niſi in extremis*; And 'tis alſo recommended to the Parliament, exemplarly to puniſh the Guilty, and to put ſome publick Note of Ignominy upon the Declaration or Bond it ſelf. *Act Seſſ.* 6. June 3. *Aſſ.* 1644.

III. A Declaration and brotherly Exhortation of the Aſſembly to their Brethren in *England*, rehearſing the ſeveral Advances made in the Work of Reformation in both Kingdoms, lamenting the Stop then made thereto in *England*, and the imminent Dangers of the common Cauſe of Religion, by the ſpreading of dangerous Errors, and Sects, aggravated from the breach of Covenant, in many particulars mentioned in that Declaration; and eſpecially, in offering Violence to the Rights, Privileges and Authority of the Magiſtracy, complaining of ſeveral of the Proceedings of the Army in Summer 1647, in ſo far as Religion is therein concerned, eſpecially, that their Propoſals for ſettling of Peace, are, in Point of Religion, inconſiſtent with the ſolemn *League and Covenant*, and Propoſitions of Peace formerly

merly agreed on by both Kingdoms, in the
mentioned in that Declaration, beſeeching the
England, of all Ranks, who have entred into t
and Covenant with *Scotland*, and particularly, t
of Parliament, City of *London*, and Aſſembl
vines, to be humbled for the Sins of the Land
ly breach of Covenant, to hold faſt the Pr
their Faith, to continue conſtant and zealc
vancing Reformation, in ſuppreſſing of H
Error, according to the Covenant, and pro
ſame on their Part, by the Grace of Chr
cularly deſiring, that Presbyterial Governmer
ſettled, and put in practice throughout that
Laſtly, Declaring, That their Zeal for the
and Presbyterial Government doth not abate
niſh in any Thing, their Loyalty and Du
King's Majeſty, wherewith their Enemies f
proach them, but doth much ſtrengthen an
the ſame; and concluding with a Prayer for
well grounded Peace to God's People, is r
Seſſ. 15. *Aug.* 20. *Aſſ.* 1647.

IV. THE Declaration and Act of Parliam
Date, *June* 10. 1648. And an Act of the Co
Eſtates of the Date *July* 12. the ſaid Year,
all the Subjects by Subſcription, to acknowled
and oblige themſelves to adhere unto the ſai
tion, and to join and concur with their P
Eſtates, in the Aſſiſtance of the Executio
ſervation of the Acts and Conſtitutions of
liament, under the Certification mentione
ſaid Act of the Committee, is declared unl
ſinful, for the Reaſons mentioned in this A
ſembly; and all the Members of this Kirk, a
and charged to forbear the ſubſcribing of th
and Declaration, or urging thereof, as they
incur the Wrath of God, and Cenſure of
And are likewiſe enjoined to forbear the ſwe
ſcribing, or preſſing of any new Oaths or
that Cauſe, without Advice and Concurre
Kirk, eſpecially any negative Oaths or Bo
may any way limit or reſtrain them in
whereunto they are obliged by the National
League and Covenant, with Certification as
and ſuch as have already been guilty in tl
are exhorted to Repent; and the Execution

aitted to Presbyteries, or in caſe of their Negli-
, or being overawed, to provincial Synods, or
miſſioners of Aſſembly, and for that End, 'tis ap-
ed to be ſent to the Presbyteries to be publiſhed
e ſeveral Kirks of their Bounds. *Act Seſſ.* 18.
28. *Aſſ.* 1648.

A Declaration by the General Aſſembly 1648, con-
ng the Dangers of Religion, eſpecially, the Engage-
in War againſt *England*, which is declared ſinful
unlawful, for the many Reaſons mentioned in the
Declaration, containing many Exhortations and
ctions to all the Members of the Kirk, ſhewing
Aſſemblies Senſe of the Duties of the preſent Time,
of the ſaid Dangers, particularly from the Sins of
Land, the Inſolence of the Army, and Encroach-
ts made upon the Liberties of the Kirk, the many
s mentioned in that Declaration; and earneſtly ex-
ing, charging, and requiring Miniſters. 1*mo*, To
h into, and Mourn for the Sins of the Land, c-
ally Breach of the ſolemn League. 2*do*, To Hô-
r and Reſpect Authority, with a due Subordination
he Will of God. 3*tio*, To avoid Malignancy on
one Hand, and Sectarianiſm on the other, both
ch are characterized by ſeveral Marks in this De-
ation. 4*to*, Not to concur or aſſiſt in the Engage-
t. 5*to*, Nor ſuffer themſelves to be abuſed with
fair Pretences of theſe that carry it on, 6*to*, That
miſtake not the Nature of the reformed Religion,
overnment of the Church, as if it were inconſiſtent
the King's Prerogative, Privileges of Parliament,
Liberties of the Nation. 7*mo*, That they beware of
ng of Oaths, or ſubſcribing of Bonds relating to
Covenant, unleſs approven by the Aſſembly, or
miſſion. 8*vo*, That they live by Faith, and con-
e ſtedfaſt. 9*no*, To remember, that no Laws nor Au-
rity can abſolve them from the Obligations of the ſo-
n League and Covenant; that Miniſters be free and
hful in their Preaching, as they would eſcape the
ſures of the Kirk, which Presbyteries are appointed to
ict; and all civil Judicatures and Perſons in Power
exhorted to remember they are to give an Account
God, and that they enſnare not the Conſciences of
r Brethren with new Oaths and Bonds, *Seſſ.* 21. July
Aſſ. 1648.

VI. ANO-

VI. ANOTHER Declaration of that Asse their Brethren of *England*, bleſſing God for the mity in Religion, and lamenting breach of C ſhewing that the generality of the Church Juc and many others of the Nation had diſſent openly declared, ſupplicated and proteſted aga Engagement, ſhewing that they ſtill continue in the Covenant, and expect the ſame from they exhort them to Repent for their Sins, par breach of Covenant, in complying with Secta their ſlow Progreſs in Reformation; they de Parliament of *England*, from complying either wi ries or Malignants; they ſhew their abhorrence f Purpoſes of theſe who mind the Subverſion of chical Government, which they wiſh may be c in his Majeſty's Perſon and Poſterity; their diſl the Practices of theſe who deal ſo hardly with jeſty's Perſon, and ſhew their Deſire of hav King reſtored to the exerciſe of his Power, v giving Security for Religion, and for eſtabliſh enjoining of the Covenant in all the three Ki is recorded in *Seſ.* 22. *Aug.* 1. *Aſſ.* 1648.

VII. A Warning and Declaration from the Aſſembly of this Kirk to all the Members there cerning the Dangers and Duties of the Times, they acknowledge their merciful Deliverances fro Trials; they warn the People of the Judgm for breach of Covenant; of their Dangers from lignant and ſcandalous Party in the Army, and a and from ſtanding Armies, of ſuch in *Ireland*; f Sectaries in *England*; from the King's hearkenin Councils of thoſe, who were the Authors of the of his Royal Father; they exhort to Re and love of the Truth, and encourage them defence in caſe of Invaſion from Sectaries or Ma and to adhere to their Principles; and after a ſh rative of the Proceedings, both of Church an with the King's Royal Father, all are exh wreſtle with God on behalf of the King, that be recovered out of the Snares of evil Council brought to give Satisfaction to the publick D Church and State, and in their Stations, to uſe deavours with himſelf and others for that Effi *upon* Satisfaction given, to be willing to adn *to the* exerciſe of his Power, and chearfully c

ings, according to the Will of God, and the
he Kingdom; and to do every Thing that
he Preſervation of his Majeſty's Perſon and juſt
and Authority in the Defence and Preſerva-
e true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdom,
fend the Kingdom againſt Invaſion; and the
declares it to be their Sentiments, That as
es and their Power is from God, ſo they
ıe Exerciſe thereof, to walk according to the
quity or Righteouſneſs, as being the Miniſters
or the Safety of the People; That there is a
bligation and Stipulation betwixt the King and
e; and as both of them are tied to God, ſo
em are tied to one another for the Performance
l and reciprocal Duties, as is clear from the
on Oath, eſtabliſhed by *Act* 8. *Parl.* 1. *Ja.* VI.
Duty of defending and preſerving the King's
d Authority, is joined with, and ſubordinate
Duty of preſerving and defending the true Re-
l Liberties of the Kingdoms; that arbitrary
ent and unlimited Power is the Fountain of
ll the Corruptions, both in Kirk and State;
no ſtrange nor new Thing, for Kingdoms to
Religion and themſelves from Ruin, by putting
upon the exerciſe of the Power and Govern-
heſe, who have refuſed to grant theſe Things,
neceſſary for the good of Religion, and the
ſafety; People are exhorted, to beware of the
evices that may be eſſayed to draw them off to
at leaſt, with ſome Part of the neceſſary De-
ounded to his Majeſty for ſecuring Religion;
e exhorted, to endeavour to procure from his
that he not only ſwear the Coronation Oath,
Allowance of the Covenant, and Obligation
ute the Ends thereof, and that he enjoin the
ts, eſtabliſh Presbyterial Government, the Di-
or Worſhip, Confeſſion of Faith and Cate-
d that he ſhall obſerve theſe in his own Practice
ily; And the Aſſembly declares the Obligation
ovenant perpetual: They exhort the Parlia-
their Duty, and not to be wanting in any ne-
teſtimony of Duty and Loyalty to the King,
tantly to adhere to their former Principles, Reſo-
nd Deſires *of him*, concerning Religion and the
that they purge out of all Places of Truſt
Civil

Civil and Military, all Malignants and Sectar
Army is exhorted to ſtick cloſely by the Cau
againſt Malignants and Sectarians, and to carry
ly. Miniſters are exhorted to walk exampl
to take heed to their Flocks, and to declare t
whole Council of God, to give them timeou
of every Danger and Duty, eſpecially of the
recorded in *Seſſ.* 27. July 27. *Aſſ.* 1649.

Defaming, ſee *Confeſſion of Parties.*

Degrees, ſee *Confeſſion of Faith*, *Act*

Deiſts, ſee *Atheiſtical Opinions.*

It is recommended to all Miniſters and Ch
catories, to obſerve and put in Execution th
Aſſ. 1696. Intituled, *Act againſt the Atheiſtica
the Deiſts, and for eſtabliſhing the Confeſſion of Faith.*
Aſſ. 1697.

Depoſed Miniſters, and **Depoſition**
ſters, ſee *Excommunication*, *Act* 1. *A*
Act 1, 5, 6.

I. Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with
ſures of the Kirk to Excommunication, a
Miniſters, who being depoſed by the Aſſembly
not in their Sentences; but exerciſe ſome Pa
Miniſterial Function, refuſe themſelves, and
others from the Obedience of the Acts of
Act Seſſ. 24. December 18. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. The Sentences pronounced againſt the
depoſed, by the ſeveral Commiſſions granted b
ſemblies at *Glaſgow*, are approven as juſt and
crees. *Act Seſſ.* 19. Aug. 27, *Aſſ.* 1639.

III. All theſe Miniſters, who were depo
Synods, for ſubſcribing the Declinator, and r
Service Book, being guilty of no other groſs
recommended to the ſaid Synods, to be by th
their true Repentance, and Submiſſion to the
tions of this Kirk, found capable of the Mini
God ſhould grant them an ordinary and lawf
by Admiſſion from the Presbytery, either in th
they ſerved in before or in any other. Act, Se
28. *Aſſ.* 1639.

V. THE Act 38. *Seſſ.* 8. at *Edinburgh*, October 24. 1578. Ordaining Miniſters, who are depoſed, to be ged under the Pain of Excommunication, to de- their Places, that they may be unqueſtionably va- is renewed and remitted to the Parliament. *Act* Aug. 29. *Aſſ.* 1639. *Art.* 5.

. THAT Miniſters, who are depoſed, either by Preſ- ries, Synods, or General Aſſemblies, or Committees n Aſſemblies, for the publick Cauſe of Reformation, Order of this Kirk, ſhall not be ſuddenly received in to the Miniſtry, till they firſt evidence their Re- ance, both before the Presbytery and Synod, with- ne Bounds where they were depoſed; and thereafter, ſame reported to the next enſuing General Aſſem- Act Seſſ. 8. *Aug.* 2. Aſſ. 1641.

VI. ALL Provincial Aſſemblies are diſcharged to re- e any Miniſter depoſed by the General Aſſembly; l all Presbyteries to repone Miniſters depoſed either by vincial or General Aſſemblies; and all ſuch Sentences Repoſition by the Inferior Judicatories *reſpective*, are lared null in themſelves, and that the Sentences of De- ition by the Superior Judicatories *reſpective*, ſhall ſtand id and effectual notwithſtanding thereof. Act Seſſ. 10, 12, Aſſ. 1643.

VII. THAT no Miniſter depoſed, be reſtored again to t Place where formerly he ſerved. *Act Seſ.* ult. *Febr. Aſſ.* 1645.

VIII. THAT notwithſtanding of any Licence to be nted for opening the Mouths of depoſed Miniſters, they ſhall not be actually admitted to any particular ngregation: But 'tis declared, for ſuch as had already ir Mouths opened before that Time, That if any Cal- to a particular Charge be offered unto them before next Aſſembly, it ſhould be ſufficient for them to have ir Conſent of the Commiſſioners of that Aſſembly. *Seſ.* 11, July 21, *Aſſ.* 1648. *Nota*, This Act bears a rrative of the Danger of receiving depoſed Miniſters hat Time, when Malignancy was like to ſpread, and t it was found neceſſary, until the Ends of the Solemn ague and Covenant were ſettled and ſecured, to reſtrain Suddenneſs of admitting depoſed Miniſters to particu- Charges.

IX. THAT whoſoever, after the Sentence of Depoſi- n pronounced againſt them, do either exerciſe any Part the Miniſterial Calling in the Places where they for- merly

merly ſerved, or elſewhere, or do poſſeſs, meddle, or intromet with the Stipend, or other Benefits whatſoever, belonging to theſe Kirks they ſerved at, ſhall be proceeded againſt with Excommunication; and if any ſuſpended Miniſter, during his Suſpenſion, either exerciſe any Part of the Miniſterial Calling, or intromet with the Stipend, that he be depoſed, and, after Depoſition, continuing in either of theſe Faults, that he be proceſſed with Excommunication; but Prejudice always to them of their Stipend reſting for bygone Service, and of any Recompence due for building or repairing of the Manſe, according to the ordinary Practice: And 'tis ſeriouſly recommended to Preſbyteries, to be careful of the putting of that Act in Execution. *Act Seſ.* 30. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1648. *Nota*, This Act bears a Narrative, That the Cenſure of Suſpenſion and Depoſition of Miniſters is, by the ancient Practice and Order of this Kirk, both *ab officio & beneficio*, as is alſo acknowledged by *Act* 20, *Parl* 1644, *&c.*

X. THAT no Miniſter depoſed for Malignancy and Compliance with the Enemies of the Kirk and Cauſe of God (when it ſhall fall out that he be put in a Capacity of Admiſſion to the Miniſtry) ſhall enter into the Congregation of any other Miniſter, who alſo hath been depoſed for Malignancy and Compliance, as ſaid is. *Act Seſ.* ult. *Aug.* 12, *Aſſ.* 1648.

Depoſitions of Witneſſes, ſee *Witneſſes*.
Diting, ſee *Miniſters*, and there, *Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives*, *Art.* 1.
Dictates, ſee *Profeſſors of Divinity*, *Act* 3.
Diets of the Aſſembly, ſee *Ordering of the Aſſembly-houſe*, *Art.* 2.
Diets of Divine Worſhip, ſee *Sabbath*, *Act* 1. ſee *Kirk*, *Act* 2.
Dignity, ſee *Old Miniſters*.
Dilapidation, ſee *Miniſters*, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 9, ſee *Viſitations of Pariſhes*, *Act* 2.

n, ſee *Old Miniſters*, ſee *Miniſters*, ıpra.

g of Speech, ſee *Ordering of the Aſ-houſe*, *Art.* 3.

Directory for Worſhip.

appointing a Directory for Divine Worſhip to with all Diligence, and put in the Hands of iiſsioners of Aſſembly, to be by them reviſed nitted to the ſeveral Synods, to the end that be-ed, with their Conſent or Obſervations, to the nbly, they might, after full Trial and Appro-rder and authorize the ſame to be received and by all Miniſters and particular Kirks; and in ime, forbidding all Diſputations by Word or in private or publick, about different Practices iings as had not been formerly determined by , and all condemning of one another, in ſuch ngs as had been univerſally received, and by per-ſtom practiſed by the moſt faithful Miniſters of l, and Oppoſers of Corruptions in the Kirk, ſince eginning of Reformation to theſe Times, under f the Cenſures of the Kirk; and appointing, eginning of Separation, all Scandals and divi-y all means avoided. *Seſ.* 12, Aug. 15, *Aſſ.* 1643.

E Directory for the publick Worſhip of God in iree Kingdoms, agreed upon by both Houſes of ment of *England*, after Conſultation with the Di-oth Kingdoms aſſembled in *England*, is unani-greed to, and approven by the Aſſembly in all thereof, together with the *Preface* ſet before it: do require, decern and ordain, That according in Tenor and Meaning thereof, and the Intent *face*, it be carefully and uniformly obſerved and by all the Miniſters and others within this whom it doth concern, from and after the ntioned in the Act. And 'tis recommended to miſsion, to take ſpecial care for the timeous of the ſaid Directory, that a printed Copy of it ed, and kept for the Uſe of every Kirk with-ngdom, and that each Presbytery have a printed reof, for their Uſe; and that they take ſpecial

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notice of the Obſervation or Neglect thereof, in e Congregation within their Bounds, and make known ſame to the Provincial or General Aſſemblies, as d ſhall be cauſe; And 'tis provided, that the Clauſe in Directory of the Adminiſtration of the Lord's Sup which mentioneth the Communicants ſitting about Table, or at it, be not interpreted as if in the Judgm of the Kirk of *Scotland*, it were indifferent and free any of the Communicants not to come to and re at the Table; or, as if they approved the diſtribu of the Elements by the Miniſter to each Communi and not by the Communicants amongſt themſelves: alſo provided, that this Act ſhould be no Prejudice to Order and Practice of this Kirk, in ſuch particula are appointed by the Books of Diſcipline and Ac General Aſſemblies, and are not otherwiſe ordered appointed by the Directory, and God's Goodneſs i knowledged in bringing the Uniformity in Religio ſuch a Period *Act Seſ.* 10. Feb. 3. *Aſſ.* 1645.

III. The due Obſervation of the foreſaid Direc for Worſhip is ſeriouſly recommended to all Min and others within this National Church, by *Act Aſſ.* 1705.

Directory for electing Miniſters, ſee *Elec of Miniſters*.

Diſcipline of the Church, ſee *Studen Theology*, *Act* 1. *Miniſters*, and there, *ruptions in their Office*, § 4. 7. *Proph neſs*, *Act* 1. 3. *Univerſities*, *Act* 4.

I. The Overtures concerning the Diſcipline and thod of Proceeding in Eccleſiaſtick Judicatories i Church of *Scotland*, appointed to be ſent as Ove from private Hands to the ſeveral Presbyteries, v this National Church; and Presbyteries are appo to ſend in their Animadverſions and Obſerves ther to the Commiſſion of that Aſſembly, who are to pare the ſaid Overtures againſt the enſuing Aſſemb be brought in thereto as Overtures. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.*

A Committee is appointed to conſider the ſaid O-
res concerning Church-diſcipline, &c. and Animad-
ons made thereupon by the ſeveral Presbyteries, and
are them with the Word of God, Books of Diſci-
, and Acts of the General Aſſemblies of this Church,
o conſider what's wanting, or to be added thereto,
ltered therein; and to ſet out a new Edition of the
Overtures, that the ſeveral Presbyteries might have
ortunity to animadvert thereupon, and report to the
iſſion, who might prepare the ſame for the enſuing Aſ-
ly. *Act* 9, *Aſſ.* 1698.

. ANOTHER Committee is appointed to reviſe the
printed Overtures and Obſerves of the Committees,
inted by the General Aſſemblies 1698, 1699, 1700 &c
to compare the ſame with the ſeveral Presbyteries
arks thereupon, and to cauſe tranſcribe and reprint
, with Alterations and Additions, leaving out all ſu-
lous Overtures, Sentences and Words; and to reviſe
two Chapters concerning Synods and General Aſ-
ies their Committees and Commiſſions, not yet
d, and to add the ſame to the printed Overtures, and
t the Whole to the *Commiſſion* of that Aſſembly, who
cauſe print and tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral Preſ-
ies, for their Opinions. *Act* 12, *Aſſ.* 1703.

. THE ſaid Overtures for Diſcipline are again tranſ-
l to the ſeveral Presbyteries, for their Opinions. *Act*
ſſ. 1704.

'TIS recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries, to
are the large Overtures concerning the Diſcipline and
od of Procedure in Eccleſiaſtick Judicatures in the
ch of *Scotland*, with the Form of Proceſs approven
s Aſſembly 1707, and report to the Aſſembly, from
to Time, their Judgment, as to what is yet want-
nd neceſſary to be added to both theſe Overtures,
the ſame may be ſupplied, by adding to either of
, until this Church arrive at a complete Syſtem of
in their Proceedings in Matters of Diſcipline. *Act*
Aſſ. 1707.

. THE ſeveral Presbyteries are required to take the
arger Overtures for Diſcipline under their Conſide-
n, and ſend in their Opinion about the ſame to the
iſſion, to be by them prepared againſt the then next
nbly. *Act* 16, *Aſſ.* 1708.

I THE ſeveral Presbyteries are enjoined, forthwith
ke under *conſideration* the ſaid larger Overtures, eſpe-

cially, *Cap.* 2, *Sect.* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9 thereof; a
3, *Sect.* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 & 13 of that *Chapter*
alſo the other Overtures, contained in the 13 & 14
the *Aſſ.* 1708. (which ſee in *Probationers*, and *Competi*
And that the Aſſembly might be in better caſe to c
theſe and other Things of Importance, 'tis recom
to Presbyteries, to chooſe the wiſeſt and moſt grave
Number, to repreſent them in the next Aſſembly.
Aſſ. 1709.

VIII. THE *Commiſſion* is appointed to go thro
ſaid larger Overtures, and the Remarks of Pres
thereupon, and conſider what Amendments are fi
made upon them: And Presbyteries are ordained
in their Remarks to the *Commiſſion*, and the *Commiſſ*
port to the then next Aſſembly. *Act* 16, *Aſſ.* 1710

IX. THE Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie* is ordered to
againſt Mr. *Colin M'kenzie* of *Roſend* for the ſin of U
neſs, according to the Rules of this Church, n
ſtanding of any thing that ſome Prelatical Preach
done, or might do in that Affair; and the ſaid P
Preachers are diſcharged to proceed any further
Matter, as they will be anſwerable. And 'tis
ted to the *Commiſſion* to take care, that the Aſſemb
thority be not contemned in this Caſe: And this
is appointed to be obſerved in Caſes of Scandal, w
others, either Epiſcopal Preachers, or ſuch as pre
be Presbyterians, but do ſeparate from this Chur
upon them to exerciſe Diſcipline. *Act* 14, *Aſſ.*

X. THE Acts 17, *Aſſ.* 1707, and 16, *Aſſ.* 1710,
ſee *ſupra*, are revived, and Presbyteries, who have
up their Remarks upon the larger Overtures for D
are again appointed to tranſmit the ſame to the
the *Commiſſion*, againſt a certain Time; and the *Co*
to write Letters to each Presbytery for that effect,
appoint a Committee to claſs and put in Order
marks upon theſe Overtures, to be laid before the
bly: And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to ſe
the next Aſſembly ſuch Members as might be mo
to help foreward this Work. *Act* 10, *Aſſ.* 1718.

Diſjunction, ſee *Stranrawer*, *Dalry*.
Diſorders, ſee *Schiſm*.
Diſputations, ſee *Presbyterial Meetings*.

Dissenting Voices.

any Member of Presbyteries or Synods shall find, in ters depending before them, that the Moderator shall e to put any thing of Importance to voices; or, if find any thing carried by Plurality of Voices, to any rmination which they conceive to be contrary to Word of God, the Acts of Assembly, or the receiv'd r of this Kirk: In any of these Cases, the Assembly ts it necessary, that they urge their Dissent to be mark- the Register; and if that be refused, they protest, ey would desire to be free of common Censure with est: And the Dissenters are declar'd censurable, if Dissent shall be found otherwise than they concei- *Act Sess.* 7. June 4. *Ass.* 1644.

inity, see *Professors of Theology, Bursars, Acts* 3, 7, 8, 12.

ision, see *Unity.*

tor, see *Professors of Theology.*

trine, see *Ministers, Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office.* § 4, 5. *and Act* , and there, *Enormities in their Callings.* 9, *Bourignionism, Formula, Catechetical Doctrine.*

All Persons are discharged to vent any Opinions rary to any Head or Article of our Confession of h and Catechisms, or to use any Expressions, in rela- to the Articles of Faith, not agreeable to the Form und Words express'd in the Word of God, and the fession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, ch are most valuable Pieces of our Reformation. And nacted, That no Minister, or Member of this Church ime to print or disperse in Writ, any Catechism, out the Allowance of the Presbytery of the Bounds, of the *Commission*: And the Presbytery is appointed to any such Catechism before the Commission; and ds and Presbyteries are enjoined, carefully to advert

to the Obſervation of this Act, and to notice the greſſors thereof. *Act* 12, *Aſſ.* 1710:

II. A Committee is appointed, and empowere quire into whatſoever ſhould be found neceſſary ſerving and maintaining the Purity of the Doctrin Church; and particularly, to take into conſidera Proceſs, Mr. *James Webſter* againſt Mr. *John Sim* prepare a full and diſtinct State thereof, and repor verture thereupon to the next Aſſembly, in order finial Deciſion thereof: And particular Inſtructi that End, are given to the ſaid Committee, by *Aſſ.* 1715.

III. Mr. *John Simſon*, and all others, are enj forbear teaching, or any way venting the Pro charged by Mr. *James Webſter* againſt him as Err they be determined by the Judicatures of the Chur the Commiſſion and Inſtructions given by the C tee, named by the former Aſſembly, for preſer Purity of Doctrine, are renewed; and 'tis referred alſo, to conſider ſome Propoſitions laid before the bly by Mr. *Webſter*, and Mr. *Simſon*'s Anſwers then all other Things relating to that Affair; particula Points mentioned in the Act, that were reſerved ſaid Committee, to be conſidered after finiſhing t cipal Cauſe: And the Committee is impowered ſuch Directions to Mr. *Simſon* as they ſhall find n And all Miniſters are diſcharged, by Preaching o ing, to charge Mr. *Simſon* with Error, until the be fully tried, and he be convicted by the Churc prejudice always to them, to ſtate the ſame Pro that are charged againſt him, and refute the ſam ſtrong Arguments as they think fit: And upon a I tion entred by Mr. *Simſon*, againſt the above m Injunction laid upon him by the Aſſembly, as inſi that he had taught the Errors charged againſt Mr. *Webſter*'s Libel, as his Opinion, or as Truth he diſowned; the Committee is impowered to him for ſuch Time as they ſhall think fit, in ca found that he contraveened the ſame. *Act* 7, *Aſſ.*

IV. The Aſſembly, after a Narrative, Tha Profeſſor *Simſon* did declare his Adherence to the *of Faith* and Doctrine therein contained, as his Ju and did diſown the Errors, oppoſite thereto, w he was charged; yet conſidering, that in his pri *ſwers*, and his Letters to the now deceaſt Mr. Ro

id his Letter to the Committee for Purity of Doc-
he has given Offence, and that it was judged,
herein he had vented ſome Opinions not neceſſary
taught in Divinity, and which have given more Oc-
to Strife, than to the promoting of Edification;
he hath uſed ſome Expreſſions that do bear, and are
by Adverſaries, in a bad and unſound Senſe, tho' he
diſown that unſound Senſe; and that for anſwering
ſatisfyingly (as he ſuppoſeth) the Cavils and Obje-
of Adverſaries, he hath adapted ſome Hypotheſes,
ent from what are commonly uſed amongſt Ortho-
Divines, and that are not evidently founded on Scrip-
and tend to attribute too much to natural Reaſon
he Power of corrupt Nature; which undue Ad-
ment of Reaſon and Nature, is always to the Diſ-
ement of Revelation and efficacious free Grace:
do prohibite and diſcharge the ſaid Mr. *Simſon*
e ſuch Expreſſions, or to teach, preach, or o-
iſe vent ſuch Opinions, Propoſitions or Hypothe-
aforeſaid: And they do extend the foreſaid Prohi-
n to all Profeſſors of Divinity, Miniſters and Preach-
nd all others in this Church; and particularly, diſ-
es them to vent any Doctrines, not agreeable to our
on of Faith and *Catechiſms*; eſpecially, ſuch Opinions
tribe too much to corrupt Nature, or tend to en-
ge Sloth among Chriſtians, or ſlacken People's Ob-
ons to Goſpel-holineſs: And they recommend to all
lties in Univerſities, and to all Presbyteries within
Church, to ſee this Act obſerved by all the Perſons
ſaid within their ſeveral Juriſdictions, and to cenſure
Contraveeners, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe: And they
wer their *Commiſſion* to give Advice to Presbyteries,
dge in Cauſes and Caſes of that Kind, that ſhall be
ght before them: And Presbyteries are appointed to
int the *Commiſſion*, before they proceed to any Sen-
of Suſpenſion or Depoſition, againſt any Perſon
ſhall come to be tried in proſecution of this Act;
Aſſ. 1717.

neſtick Remedies of Sins, ſee *Remedies of Sins.*

nork-Presbytery, ſee *Caithneſs*, Act 3.

nkenneſs, ſee *Prophaneneſs*, Act 2, 3.

Duels.

THAT all Perſons, of whatſoever Quality, wh
either fight Duels, or make, or write, or receive, or
their Knowledge, carry Challenges, or go to the
either as Principals or as Seconds, to fight Duels or
bats, be, without Reſpect of Perſons, proceſſed w
Cenſures of the Kirk, and brought before the C
gation two ſeveral Lord's Days; in the firſt w
they are ſharply to be rebuked, and convinced
Hainouſneſs of their Sin and Offence; and on the n
make a ſolemn publick Confeſſion thereof, and
ſion of their unfeigned Humiliation and Repentar
the ſame: And if the Perſons guilty of any of the
Offentes be an Elder or Deacon, he is to be re
from his Office: And whatſoever Perſon guilty
of theſe Offences ſhall refuſe to give Obedience, acc
to the Tenor of this Act, that he be proceſſed
communication. And if any be killed at ſuch
that the Killer be proceeded againſt by the Kirk,
ther Murderers. *Act Seſſ.* ult. Aug. 12, *Anno* 164

Duty of Elders, ſee *Remedies againſt*
and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedies againſt*
phaneneſs, 12.

E

Eccleſiaſtick Government, ſee *Propoſa*
&c. § 5, 6, 7.
Eccleſiaſtick Proceſſes, ſee *Printing*, *A*
Eccleſiaſtick Remedies of Sins, ſee *R*
dies, &c.
Edinburgh, ſee *Tranſplantation*, &c. *A*
§ 2.

cating, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there,
omestick, *Remedy* 3 *Ministers*, and there,
rruptions in their Office, § 7, *Children*.
rts, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there,
ccleſiaſtick Remedy against Prophaneneſs. § 1,
, *War*, *Confeſſion of Faith*. 7--9, *Pro-*
anenes, *Worſhip ſecret*.
rts Bounds, see *Remedies of Sins*, and
ere, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophane-*
ſs, 2.
rts Duties, see *Remedies of Sins*, and
ere, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophane-*
ſs, 12.
tions to Aſſemblies, see *Aſſemblies*, *Act*
, 3, 4.
ction of Miniſters, see *Tranſplantation*.

HAT 1mo, when any Place of the Miniſtry in a Congregation is vacant, the Presbytery do, with all ence, ſend one of their Number to preach to that gregation, who, in his Doctrine, is to repreſent to the Neceſsity of providing the Place with a quali- aſtor, and to exhort them to fervent Prayer and lication to the Lord, That he would ſend them a Pa- according to his own Heart: As alſo, he is to ſignify, the Presbytery, out of their Care of that Flock, will unto them Preachers, whom they may hear; and if have a Deſire to hear any other, they will endeavour ocure them a Hearing of that Perſon or Perſons, the Suit of the Elders to the Presbytery. 2*do*, With- ne competent Time thereafter, the Presbytery is a- o ſend one or moe of their Number to the ſaid Va- Congregation, on a certain Day appointed before at effect, who are to conveen to hear Sermon the id Day; which being ended, and Intimation being by the Miniſter, That they are to go about the E- n of a Paſtor for that Congregation, the Seſſion of Congregation ſhall meet and proceed to the Election,

the Action being moderated by him that preached
if the People ſhall, upon the Intimation of the Pe
greed upon by the Seſſion, acquieſce and conſent
ſaid Perſon, then, the Matter being reported to th
bytery by Commiſſioners ſent from the Seſſion, th
to proceed to the Trial of the Perſon thus elected
finding him qualified, to admit him to the Miniſ
the ſaid Congregation. 3*tio*, But if it happen, th
major Part of the Congregation diſſent from the
agreed upon by the Seſſion, in that Caſe, the Matt
be brought unto the Presbytery, who ſhall judge
ſame; and if they do not find their Diſſent to be g
ed on cauſeleſs Prejudices, they are to appoint a ne
tion, in manner above ſpecified. 4*to*, But if a leſ
of the Seſſion or Congregation, do ſhew their Diſſe
the Election, without Exceptions relevant and ve
the Presbytery; notwithſtanding thereof, the Pr
ſhall go on to the Trials and Ordination of the Pe
cted: Yet all poſſible Diligence and Tenderneſs
uſed, to bring all Perſons to an harmonious Ag
5*to*, 'Tis to be underſtood, that no Perſon under
ſure of the Kirk, becauſe of any ſcandalous Offen
be admitted to have hand in the Election of a
6*to*, Where the Congregation is diſaffected and ma
in that caſe, the Presbytery is to provide them wi
niſter. *Act Seſſ.* 4, Aug. 4, *Aſſ.* 1649.

Elements Communion, ſee *Lords Supp*

Employments ſecular and Trades
ged in Miniſters, ſee *Confeſſion of*
Act 3, *Evils of the Kirk*, *Miniſters*,
and there, *Corruptions in their Perſo*
Lives, § 3.

Enemies, ſee *Publick Enemies.*

Engagement, and **Engagement in**
with England, ſee *Declaration*, *Act*
5. *War unlawful.*

I. In anſwer to a Paper of the 24 *July*, deliver
General Aſſembly from the Conference (compa

another Paper of the 17 of *July*, preſented to them from the Committee of Eſtates, whereunto it relates, and with the Declaration emitted by that Committee to the Parliament and Kingdom of *England*) ſuppoſing that the Aſſembly might be ſatisfied in point of the Security of Religion, notwithſtanding of the preſent Engagement in War againſt *England*; 'tis declared, That the Aſſembly ſees no Poſſibility of ſecuring Religion, as long as that unlawful Engagement is carried on; Religion being thereby greatly endangered. The ways mentioned in that Anſwer, which ſee more fully in *Seſſ.* 14, July 25, *Anno* 1648.

II. In anſwer to another Paper, ſent from the Committee of Eſtates, dated 28 *July* 1648, the Aſſembly refers to the above written Anſwer: And further, add, That they think it ſtrange, that the State had engaged in that War, before the Neceſſity and Lawfulneſs thereof was cleared, and before the Church's Deſires for the Security of Religion were granted, according to the Aſſurances given by publick Declarations, and after publick Reſolutions and Declarations to the contrair. And they further refer to their Declaration, *July* ult. *Seſſ.* 21, ſhewing the unlawfulneſs of that Engagement in it ſelf: (which ſee in *Declaration*) And which Declaration they vindicate, and demonſtrate the Church's Intereſt in Undertakings and Engagements in War, as to the Lawfulneſs or Unlawfulneſs thereof, to ſatisfie the Committee of Eſtates their Deſire in that Point. See *Seſſ.* 22, Aug. 1, *Anno* 1648.

England, ſee *Marriage*, *Act* 1, *Letter Heads*, 3, 5, 8. *Declaration*, *Act* 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. *Unity in Religion*, *Parliament of England*, *Army*.

Engliſh Schools, ſee *Highlands*, *Act* 1, § 3, *Act* 4, § 4.

Enormities of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, 2.

Epiſcopacy, and **Epiſcopal Miniſters**, ſee *Evils of the Kirk*.

I. THE *Confeſſion of Faith*, and ſeveral Acts of the General Aſſemblies of *this* Church, declaring againſt, aboliſhing

ing, and condemning all Errors and Corruptions i
ârine, Diſcipline and Government; and partic
the *Roman* Hierarchy, and eſtabliſhing and ratifyi
Liberty, Diſcipline and Juriſdiction of the true
in her Seſſions, Presbyteries, Synods and General
blies, and gradually advancing, and carrying
Work of Reformation from the Year 1575, to the
1585, are recapitulated: And 'tis declared, That a
ing to the *Confeſſion of Faith*, as it was profeſſed i
Years 1580, 1581 and 1590, all Epiſcopacy, di
from that of a Paſtor of a particular Flock, was
red in this Kirk, and to be removed out of it:
therefore, all Perſons are prohibited, under Eccleſi
Cenſures, to uſurp, accept, defend, or obey the pr
ed Authority thereof in time coming. *Act Seſſ.* 16
8, *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. Mr. *George Graham*, late pretended Biſhop
nay, his Renunciation of Epiſcopacy, is recorded
8, Aug. 17, *Aſſ.* 1639.

III. Presbyteries and Synods are allowed
ceive Epiſcopal Miniſters, with the Qualificatio
deſcended on in *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1690, and *Act* 11, *Aſſ.*
See theſe, and particularly, the Inſtructions to the
ſion of *Aſſ.* 1694, *Art.* 6, in *Inſtructions*.

Epiſcopal Preachers, ſee *Diſcipline*, *A*
Prelatical Preachers, *Separatiſts*.

Eraſtianiſm, ſee *Propoſitions*, *Act* 5, 6,

Errors, ſee *Confeſſion of Faith*, *Ordin*
&c. *Act* 1, *Bourignioniſm*, *Groſs Sca*
Act 2.

Erroneous Books, ſee *Books*.

Erroneous Doctrine.

All Perſons are diſcharged to preach or diſſe
any erroneous Doctrine, oppoſite to any Head or
of the *Confeſſion of Faith* of this Church; and partic
the venting any *Arminian* or *Socinian* Errors is diſch
And the reſpective Judicatories of this Church are
ed, to advert to any who ſhall teach or vent ſuch
and to proceed to cenſure them therefore, as ſ

found juſt and requiſite for ſuppreſſing the ſame; and more eſpecially, That the Synod of *Fife* take heed to Mr. *James Graham* at *Dumfermling*, that he contraveen not this. *Act* 12, *Aſſ.* 1704

Evils of the Kirk,

THAT the *Service*, or *Common Prayer-book*, Book of Canons, and Conſecration or Ordination, and the High Commiſſion-court, be rejected; The Articles of *Perth* be no more practiſed; That Epiſcopal Government, and the Civil Places and Power of Kirkmen, be holden ſtill as unlawful in this Kirk; That the pretended Aſſemblies at *Linlithgow*, 1606 & 1608, at *Glaſgow*, 1610, at *Aberdeen*, 1616, at St. *Andrew's*, 1617, and at *Perth*, 1618, be thereafter accounted as null and of none effect, as the main and moſt material Cauſes, of the many and great Evils that in time paſt had ſo ſore troubled the Peace of this Kirk and Kingdom; and that, for preſervation of Religion, and preventing all ſuch Evils in time coming, General Aſſemblies rightly conſtitute, as the proper and competent Judge of all Matters Eccleſiaſtical, be thereafter kept yearly, and oftner *pro re nata*, as Occaſion and Neceſſity ſhall require; the Neceſſity of all theſe occaſional Aſſemblies being firſt remonſtrated to His Majeſty by humble Supplication: As alſo, That Kirk-ſeſſions, Presbyteries, and Synodal Aſſemblies, be conſtituted and obſerved according to the Order of this Kirk. *Act Seſſ.* 8, Aug. 17, *Aſſ.* 1639.

'TIs noted here, That after the voting of this Act, His Majeſty's Commiſſioner conſented verbally thereto, and promiſed to give in to the Clerk in Writ a Declaration of his Conſent, and that he ſhould ratifie this Act the then enſuing Parliament.

Examination, ſee *Catechiſing*.

Excommunication, and **Excommunicated Perſons**, ſee *Depoſed Miniſters*, *Act* 1, 4, 9. *Papiſts*, *Act* 2, 3. *Penalties*, *Seaforth*, *Pecunial Pains*, *Propoſitions*, &c. § 4. *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtical Remedies*. 3 & 13, *War unlawful*, § 2.

I. THE pretended Archbiſhops of St. *Andrews* and *Glaſgow*, *the Biſhops of Edinburgh*, *Galloway*, *Roſs*, *Brechin*, and

and *Aberdeen*, are depoſed and excommunicat
the pretended Biſhops of *Dumblain*, *Murray*, *O*
more, *Iſles*, *Dunkeld*, and *Caithneſs*, are depoſed fo
hainous Offences and Enormities proven agai
and are ordained to be excommunicated, in ca
Diſobedience to the Ordinances of the Aſſem
Act Seſſ. 20. Dec. 13. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. THE Act of Aſſembly at *Edinburgh*,
1569. *Seſſ.* 10. ordering, that theſe who will no
the Company of excommunicated Perſons a
Admonition, be excommunicated themſelve
they forbear; is ordained to be put in Exec
Act Seſſ. 23. and 24. Dec. 17. and 18. *Aſſ.* 1638.

III. THAT if any Miniſter haunt the Co
an excommunicated Perſon, contrair to the
the Kirk, he be ſuſpended from his Miniſtr
Presbytery, for the firſt Fault, during their
and for the ſecond Fault, that he be deprived
caſe the Presbytery be negligent therein, that
vincial Aſſembly do cenſure the Presbytery t
gent, *Act Seſſ. ult.* Aug. 19. *Aſſ.* 1643,

IV. THE Article of the Heads and Pr
ſent to the Aſſembly held at *Edinburgh* in *A*
by the Lord Regent, and approven by the
bearing, That it was reſolved, that the Exec
the Sentence of Excommunication againſt P
communicated, after the Space of forty
ſhould be preſented to the Lord Treaſurer or
to receive alſo civil Execution upon his
Charges, in manner mentioned in the Act,
and approven, and Presbyteries are ordained
ſend in to the Procurator or Agent for the K
nutes or Notes of the Sentences of Excomm
within their Bounds, bearing the Time and Ca
of, under the Hand of their Moderator or Cl
the Miniſter that pronounced the Sentence
End above-mentioned, and that particular A
craved hereof in every General Aſſembly, *Ibi*

V. THAT the Sentence of Excommunicat
firſt intimated throughout all the Churches w
Presbytery where the ſaid Sentence was pronc
the Perſons continue obſtinate) the Presby
then give an Account thereof to the Synod,
appoint the like Intimation to be made i
Churches within their Bounds; and if, nov

ing of this and other due Means uſed to reclaim them, they ſtill continue obſtinate, in that Caſe, that an Account of their Names and Sentences paſt againſt them, be brought by the ſaid Synod to the General Aſſembly, that they may appoint Intimation thereof to be made throughout all the Churches of the Kingdom, and that at the foreſaid reſpective Intimations, Miniſters do take occaſion to hold forth the ſad State and Condition of the excommunicated Perſons, and that they inform the People how to carry towards them. *Act* 9. *Seſſ.* 10. March 27. *Aſſ.* 1704.

Excommunication the Leſſer, ſee *Relapſe, ſingle Acts of Scandal, Correſpondence of Judicatories, Abſolution, Miniſters, Act* 5. § 6.

The Kirk-Seſſion having brought the Proceſs to an Intimation of the Cenſure of the Leſſer Excommunication, before they inflict the ſame, they are to refer the Affair to the Presbytery, bringing their whole Proceedings before the Presbytery in writ, that they may have a full View of the whole Affair, *Form Proc. Cap.* 8. § 4. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Excommunication the Greater or Higher, ſee *Abſolution, Miniſters, Act* 5. § 6.

If Perſons continue under the Leſſer Excommunication a conſiderable Time, and be found frequently relapſing in theſe Vices they were cenſured for, it may be conſtrued ſuch a Degree of Contumacy, and ſo aggravate the Crime, as to found a Proceſs of the Higher Excommunication to be inflicted, or not, as may tend moſt to the reclaiming the Guilty, and Edification of the Church, *Form Proc. Cap.* 3. § 6. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. All Proceſſes, in order to the Greater Excommunication are to be grounded on manifeſt Contumacy, or ſcandalous, Practices, and where theſe are not, the leſſer Excommunication needs only to have Place; yet in ſome extraordinary Caſes, the Church, according to Scripture Warrant, hath ſummarily excommunicated Perſons guilty of notour, attrocious, ſcandalous Sins, to ſhow the Churches abhorrence of ſuch Wickedneſs, *Form Proc. Cap.* 8. § 1.

Act

Act 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. Tho' a Scandal hath be
and Contumacy hath followed by not app
if no ſcandalous Practice hath been proven,
the ſimple Contumacy is to be proceeded a
which it were hard to go a greater lengt
Leſſer Excommunication, *Ibid.* § 2. If t
hath been proven, and the Cenſure of the
communication intimated, as in *Form Proc. Cap*
ſee *ſupra*, there is to be no further proceeding,
Scandal be groſs, or of an hainous Nature,
is ſpreading, or infectious, as in Hereſies, or
the Church; in which Caſes Contumacy is
ceeded againſt, in order to the Greater Exc
tion, *Ibid.* § 3. If the Presbytery find the
communication not ſufficient, and that the
weighty as to oblige them to enter on the P
are to cauſe the Officer to cite the ſcandalo
Form Proc. Cap. 8. § 5. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. If
appear and deny the Scandal, they are to p
lead Probation, as in other Caſes, *Ibid.* §
Party contemn the Citation, the Presbytery is
the ſame, until he hath got three; and afte
Citations he is to be cited out of the Pulpit,
mation is to be made that the Judicatory w
to enquire into the Preſumptions or Probati
Guilt; and this is to be done altho' the
be abſent, *Ibid.* § 7. Then the Presbytery
the Miniſter of the Congregation next Sab
Forenoon Sermon, to inform the Congregati
Kirk-Seſſion and Presbyteries Proceedings, an
ties Contumacy, and that the Presbytery i
proceed to the higheſt Cenſure; and the
gravely to admoniſh the Party (if preſent)
and ſubmit himſelf, threatning him if he con
penitent, the Church will proceed; yea tho'
ſent, the Miniſter is to acquaint the People
Church requires him to repent and ſubmit
foreſaid Certification, *Ibid.* § 8. There shou
publick Admonitions, and a Presbytery sho
veen betwixt each Admonition; and if the
continue Impenitent and Contumacious, the
be repreſented to the Presbytery. who are the
appoint publick Prayers thrice to be made for
dalous Impenitent, or Contumacious Perſon
to beg that God would deal with his Soul

i of the Evil of his Ways, *Ibid.* § 9. Theſe rayers are to be put up three ſeveral Sab-s, a Presbytery (where it meets at leaſt once a nterveening betwixt each Prayer, *Ibid.* § 10. rty continue ſtill Impenitent, the Presbytery er, is to paſs Sentence, and to appoint a Mi-intimate the ſame, and to ſhew the Presby-olution to proceed upon ſuch a Sabbath as name, for pronouncing the Sentence ſolemnly f the Congregation, unleſs either the Party, for him, ſignify ſome relevant Ground to r Procedure, *Ibid.* § 11. That Day being Miniſter ſhould preach a Sermon ſuited to nn Occaſion, or at leaſt after Sermon, ſhould Congregation what he is going about, intro-e Narrative of the Proceſs, with a Diſcourſe the Nature, Uſe, and End of Church Cen-ticularly the Greater Excommunication, if he done it fully in his Sermon, *Ibid.* § 12. Then he rrate the Steps of the Proceſs, and ſhew that other Means being uſed, there remained only :utting off the ſcandalous Perſon from the So-the Faithful, and intimating the Presbyteries and Order ſo to do, *Ibid.* § 13. Before Sen-Miniſter is to Pray with the Congregation, d would grant Repentance to the obſtinate nd bleſs his Ordinance, and make it effectual, the Edification of others, and reclaiming the Sinner, *Ibid.* § 14. Then after Prayer, the is with Gravity and Authority to pronounce are. ſhewing our Lord's Command, the Apoſtle irection, and recapitulating the Presbytery's , and reſuming the ſcandalous and obſtinate behaviour, whom he is to Name. He therefore lame and Authority of our Lord and Ma-US CHRIST, doth in *verbis de preſenti* pro-nd declare him or her excommunicated, and from the Communion of the Faithful, debar-: Perſon from their Privileges, in the Words of oſtle, delivering that Perſon over to Satan, entence is to be intimated, according to the of Aſſembly 1704. *Ibid.* § 15. If before pronounc-ence, the ſcandalous Perſon make any publick tion of his Repentance, and his Deſire to have ure ſtopt, the Miniſter, upon apparent Seriouſ-neſs,

neſs, may delay it, till he Report to the Presb who are to deal with the Perſon as they ſee Cauſe § 16. After pronouncing the Sentence, the Peop to be warned to ſhun all unneceſſary Converſe that Perſon, nevertheleſs Excommunication diſ not the Bonds of civil or natural Relations, n empts from the Duties belonging thereto, *Ibid.* If after all Diligence and Vigilance, both by D and Diſcipline reſpectively, for preventing and ing out Errors, Hereſies, Schiſms, and Scandals, to the Detriment and Diſturbance of the Churc Means alone prove not effectual to that Purpo neceſſary to imploy the Aid of the Civil Mag who ought to uſe his coercive Power for th preſſing of all ſuch Offences, and vindicating th cipline of the Church from Contempt, *Ibid.* § 1

Exculpation, ſee *Witneſſes.*

THE Party accuſed compearing, may deſire ſuc ſtions, or Croſs-queſtions to be propoſed to the ſes, as may tend to his Exculpation, *Form Proc.* § 12, *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1707. If Grounds of Exculp before Probation offered to be proven by Witnes Moderator and Clerk, (if required) are to give W to cite Witneſſes upon the Party's Charges; the Re of the Exculpation being firſt ſuſtained: And if culpation be fully proven, as to the Subſtance of th dal, all further Proof of the Libel muſt ſiſt, and fender be aſſoilied, as if the Libel be ſpecial as t and Place of a Fact, and the Accuſed more pre alledge and clearly prove *alibi*: But the Subſtanc Scandal being once depon'd upon, there's no Pl Exculpation, unleſs it be as to ſome alleviating C ſtances, not contrair to, but conſiſtent with the tions. *Ibid.* § 13.

Execution, ſee *Citation, Miniſters, Act* 5

Exercise and Addition, ſee *Expectants,*

'TIS ſeriouſly recommended to the ſeveral Pres within the Church, to ſet up the Uſe of the Exerc Addition, as alſo, that of privy Cenſures, conforn ancient Practice of this Church; and their D therein is appointed to be recorded in their reſpect

lnd 'tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyte-
they be careful to keep and maintain Burſars
ogy, conform to the ancient Practice, and the
rmer General Aſſemblies. *Act* 17, *Aſſ.* 1694.

s Religious, ſee *Family-exerciſes, Im-*

es Theological, ſee *Students.*
ition, ſee *Declaration, Act* 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

herly Exhortation from the General Aſſembly
rethren in *England*; wherein they acknowledge
ercies to both Kingdoms, and their own Sins;
ate the Interruptions put to the Work of Refor-
eſpecially by theſe in Power and Place in *Eng-*
ey declare their Sympathy with, and commend
neſs and Boldneſs of theſe in *England*, who ſuffer
ruth; They warn all ſuch as have forgotten the
, and deſpiſed the Oath of God, and wholly o-
the Fundamental Government by King and
it, to repent, and not to judge their Cauſe
uſe of their Succeſs; They threaten them, that
bring down their Pride and Power; They de-
hat the Duties contained in the Covenant are
d lawful, and the Engagements therein not only
it perſonal, and which cannot be diſpenſed with;
ir Teſtimony againſt the Toleration in *England*,
mfort God's People with this Confidence, That
ild yet revive his Work; is recorded in *Seſſ.* ult.
Aſſ. 1649.

nts, ſee *Miniſters, Intrants, Liſts of*
ctants, Preaching in publick, Exerciſe
Addition, Confeſſion of Faith, Act 7, 8.

the Trial of Expectants before their Entry to the
, it being notour, that they have ſubſcribed the
f Faith then declared in that Aſſembly, and that
e exerciſed often, privately and publickly, with
tion of the Presbytery; they ſhall firſt add, and
e Exercice publickly, and make a Diſcourſe of
nmon Head in *Latine*, and give Propoſitions there-

upon for Diſpute; and thereafter be queſtioned by the Presbytery upon Queſtions of Controverſy and Chronology, anent particular Texts of Scripture, how they may be interpreted, according to the Analogy of Faith, and reconciled; and ſhall be examined upon their Skill of the *Greek* and *Hebrew*; and they are to bring a Teſtificate of their Life and Converſation from their College, or Preſbytery where they reſide. *Act Seſſ.* 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18, *Aſſ.* 1638, *Art.* 23.

II. THAT Expectants, refuſing to ſubſcribe the Covenant, be declared uncapable of a Pedagogy, teaching of a School, reading in the Kirk, or preaching within a Preſbytery; and ſhall not have Liberty of reſiding within a Burgh, Univerſity or College: And if they continue obſtinate, they ſhall be proceſſed. *Act Seſſ.* 20, Aug. 5, *Aſſ.* 1640.

III, THAT, 1*mo*, no Expectant be permitted to preach in publick before a Congregation, till firſt he be tried after the ſame manner; howbeit, not altogether with that Accuracy which is enjoined by the foreſaid Act of Aſſembly at *Glaſgow* 1638. Which preſcribes the Order and Manner of Trial that is to be kept with thoſe, that are to be admitted to the holy Miniſtry, and that none, ſo tried, do preach in publick, without the Bounds of the Univerſity or Presbytery where he paſt his Trials, till firſt he make it known to the other Presbytery, where he deſires to be heard, by a Teſtimonial from the Univerſity or Presbytery where he lived, that he hath been of an honeſt Converſation, and paſs'd his Trials conform to the Order here preſcribed: Which being done in the Meeting of the Province or Presbytery where he deſires to be heard, he is to be allowed by them to preach within the Bounds of that Province or Presbytery, without any further Trial to be taken of him. 2*do*, Expectants being educated in a College that was corrupt, or under a corrupt Miniſtry, if they themſelves have been known to have been tainted with Error, or oppoſite to the Covenant, and the bleſſed Work of Reformation within this Kirk, the ſame Order is to be kept in admitting them to the holy Miniſtry, or to any Place in the Colleges or Schools of this Kingdom, that was ordained to be kept in Admiſſion of theſe Miniſters who fled out of the Country, and ſhewed themſelves oppoſite to the Covenant and Reformation. *Act Seſſ.* 15, Aug. 7, *Aſſ.* 1641, *Art.* 2 & 3.

IV. ALL former Acts and Ordinances, for Trial and Admiſ-

tion of Expectants to the Ministry, especially the
s thereanent, allowed by the *Ass.* 1596, and ap-
by *Act Sess.* 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18, *Ass.*
which see in *Ministers*, and *Ministers Trials)* the thir-
Article, concerning the Age of Intrants to the Mini-
which see in *Ministers Admission)* and the 23 Ar-
oncerning the Trial of Expectants, of the foresaid
Assembly 1638 (which see *supra)* and the *Act Sess.*
5. 3, *Ass.* at St. *Andrew's* 1642, concerning Lists
sentations from the King, and the Trial of Expe-
(which see in *Lists of Expectants)* are revived; and
teries are ordained to observe the same carefully
time coming. *Act Sess.* 27, Aug. *ult. Ass.* 1647.
his Act is again renewed in *Ass.* 1704, (which see
of Intrants.)

dre Way of Planting the North, see *rth.*

nces of Commissioners, see *Commission-*
, *Act* 1, 2. *Commissions of Assemblies, Act*
, *Unity in Religion.*

ded Children, see *Baptism.*

acts, see *Acts of Assemblies, Act* 2, 3.

F.

l, see *Confession of Faith, Doctrine, Act* 1.

ly, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Do-*
stick Remedies.

ly-exercise or Worship, see *Visitations*
nisterial, &c. *Worship secret and private,*
phaneness, Act 1.

AT the several Synods and Presbyteries, especially
hese in the North, take care that Family-exercise
igion, Visitation of Churches, Catechising, Keep-
Presbyterial and Provincial Meetings, both by
ing and Ruling Elders, be carefully observed. *Act*
, Aug. 5, *Ass.* 1642.

Farquhar (Mr. *James*) see *Schism.*

Fasts and Thanksgivings, see *Irregul*

I. A Day of Fasting and Humiliation is a
for the Causes mentioned in *Act Sess.* 13, Aug. 6,

II. THAT not only the Members of the Ge
ſembly, but all the Congregations alſo of the To
the Aſſembly holds, be exerciſed in Faſting and
tion, the firſt Day of the Meeting of the Gener
bly, for craving the Lord's Bleſſing to that Meet
that publick Worſhip be in all the Kirks the
Day, for that Effect. *Act ult. Sess.* 7, June 4.

III. BUT the ſaid Act, as to publick Faſti
Congregation, is ſuſpended, until the Matter we
conſidered; the Exerciſes, for the Members of th
bly at their firſt Meeting, being ſtill obſerved
to the ancient and laudable Practice. *Act Sess.*
18, *Aſſ.* 1646.

IV. A ſolemn national Faſt and Humiliati
pointed to be kept for the publick Defections a
the Land, both in the late and preſent Times;
ſee a long Narration in the Act: Which alſo c
ſerious Exhortation to Repentance, and the Per
of ſeveral Duties, and to fervent Prayer for ſev
ſings therein mentioned. *Act* 12, *Aſſ.* 1690.

V. ANOTHER Faſt, for the like Cauſes, is a
by *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1699.

VI. ANOTHER, by *Act* 5, *Aſſ.* 1700.

VII. ANOTHER, by *Act* 9, *Aſſ.* 1701.

VIII. 'TIS recommended to the ſeveral Pr
to appoint a Faſt to be obſerved within their
Bounds, for the like Cauſes, by *Act* 26, *Aſſ.* 17

IX. 'TIS recommended to the ſeveral Syn
Presbyteries, to ſet apart a Day for publick Fa
Prayer for Her Majeſty's Preſervation and the I
Religion, by *Act* 17, *Aſſ.* 1705.

X. A ſolemn Faſt and Humiliation is appo
the ſame Cauſes with the former; and particul
the Reſult of the Treaty, then on foot, betwi
and *England*, by *Act* 19, *Aſſ.* 1706.

XI. A ſolemn Faſt is appointed for a Dea
threatned Scarcity. *Act* 8, *Aſſ.* 1709.

XII. A Faſt is appointed for the great and er
of the Land. *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1710.

III. All Miniſters and Members of this Church are
ointed, religiouſly to obſerve all Faſts and Thankſgi-
, whether appointed by the Church, or the Supreme
iſtrate, for juſt and neceſſary Cauſes: And Presby-
s and Synods are appointed, to take particular No-
of the due Obſervation of this. *Act* 7, *Aſſ.* 1710.

Father.

An unmarried Woman, found with Child, being ci-
and compearing before the Seſſion, is to be interroga-
who is the Father of the Child: And if ſhe diſcover
not, ſhe is to be lookt on as contumacious. *Form Proc.*
4, § 5, *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1707. Sometime Prudence may
uire, that the Perſon named to be the Father, be in-
med thereof, and ſpoke to privately; and if he deny
ſame, he is to be ſeriouſly dealt with to confeſs; but
he ſtill deny, the Seſſion is to cauſe cite him to com-
ar before them. *Ibid.* § 6. If, when he compears, he
ill deny, he is to be confronted with the Woman, and
e Preſumptions as particularly held forth as poſſible;
d all along there ſhould be private Treating with him,
all Meekneſs, Charity and Seriouſneſs; and if, after
this, he deny, tho' the Woman's Teſtimony can be no
ficient Evidence againſt him; yet pregnant Preſumpti-
s, ſuch as ſuſpicious frequenting her Company, or
ing *ſolus cum ſola in loco ſuſpecto*, or in ſuſpect Poſtures,
ſuch like, which he cannot diſprove to the Satisfaction
the Seſſion, may ſo lay the Guilt upon him, as to
ow him, that there appears no other Way of removing
e Scandal, but his Appearance to be publickly rebuked
erefore: If he will not ſubmit to this, it perhaps may
more for Edification, that a true Narrative of the
ſe be laid before the Congregation, and Intimation
en, that there can be no further Procedure in the Mat-
till God give further light, and ſiſt there at the time;
an that an Oath be preſt, and, upon Refuſal, proceed
the higher Excommunication. *Ibid.* § 7, *in princip.* No-
this § 7 is not enjoined as a ſtanding Rule, but only
commended to be obſerved, as the Judicatures ſhall find
tend moſt to Edification. See the *Ratification of the*
on of Proceſs in *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1707. infra in *Proceſs*. If the
lated Father purge himſelf by Oath, the Woman is to
dealt with to give the true Father: And if, after all
ious Dealing and due Diligence, ſhe give no other, ſhe

is to be cenſured, according to the Quality of the Offence confeſſed by her, without naming the Perſon delated by her; the Judicatory reſerving place for further Cenſure, upon further Diſcovery. *Ibid.* § 10. If the Woman declare ſhe knows not the Father of the Child, alleadging ſhe was forc'd, as in the Fields, by a Perſon unknown, or any the like Reaſon; in theſe Caſes, great Prudence is to be uſed, the former Behaviour of the Woman exactly ſearch'd into, and ſhe ſeriouſly dealt with to be ingenuous: And if ſhe hath been of entire Fame, ſhe may be put to declare the Truth, as if ſhe were upon Oath, but not without the Advice of the Presbytery; and no formal Oath ſhould be taken: And if the Woman confeſs ſhe was not forc'd, but doth not know the Man, whether married or unmarried; the ſame Cenſure is to be inflicted upon her, as in the Caſe of Adultery. *Ibid.* § 11.

Fault firſt, ſee *Single Acts*, &c.

Fines, ſee *Pecunial Pains, Penalties.*

Fiſhing, ſee *Sabbath, Act* 2.

Forces, ſee *Army.*

Form of Proceſs, ſee *Proceſs.*

I. A Committee is appointed, to concert and prepare a Form of Proceſs, for regulating the Procedure of Church-Judicatories for the future, and to report to the *Commiſſion*, & they to tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral Presbyteries for their Opinion, to be reported to the next Aſſembly. And 'tis recommended to the *Commiſſion*, to cauſe again reviſe the printed Overtures for Diſcipline, with the Amendments, and cauſe reprint and tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral Presbyteries, for their Opinions, to be alſo reported to the next Aſſembly. *Act* 25, *Aſſ.* 1704.

II. The foreſaid Form of Proceſs, being prepared and read in Aſſembly, is tranſmitted to the Presbyteries, for their Opinions, by *Act* 5, *Aſſ.* 1706.

Formula, ſee *Aſſemblies, Act* 5, *Commiſſions to Members of Aſſemblies, Acts* 2, 4. *Inſtructions, Act* 2, *Probationers, Act* 3.

I. The Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, is appointed to give *Mr. William Craig* an Extract of his Licence to preach the Gof-

: And the ſaid Presbytery, or any other Presby-
thin this National Church, are diſcharged to re-
ubſcriptions of any young Men, to be licenſed to
the Goſpel, or ordained to the Office of the Mini-
any *Formula*, but ſuch as is, or ſhall be agreed to,
proven by the Aſſemblies of this Church: And
embly did declare their Abhorrence of the Propo-
equired by the ſaid Presbytery of Mr. *Craig*, viz.
rther, That I do believe, that it is not ſound and orthodox
, that we muſt forſake ſin, in order to our Coming to
and inſtating us in Covenant with God, as unſound, and
eteſtable, as it ſtands, and was offered by the ſaid
ery to be ſubſcribed by Mr. *Craig*: But the Mi-
of the ſaid Presbytery not being preſent to anſwer
mſelves, they were appointed to be cited before
miſſion, to anſwer to them in the Matter above
: And the *Commiſſion* is empowered to determine
as they ſhall find juſt. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1717.

HE Brethren of the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, ha-
mpeared before the *Commiſſion*, and repreſented what
ended by the ſaid Propoſition, and the *Commiſſion*
accepted of the Senſe they offered of it; with
laration always, That however ſound and ortho-
y were in their Meaning, and what they intended
Propoſition, yet they had expreſs'd it in Words
warrantable and exceptionable: And the *Commiſſion*
admoniſhed them, and diſcharged them to uſe
preſſion in Time coming, and the Brethren of
rder having engaged to obſerve this Prohibition;
mbly did approve their *Commiſſion*'s Actings in this
; and, for Vindication of their Brethren of *Auch-*
did appoint what is above to be printed among
blick Acts. *Act* 8, *Aſſ.* 1718.

ation, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and
e, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophane-*
, 5. *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 2, *Overtures*,
3.

r all married Perſons, under publick Scandal of
ion committed before Marriage (altho' the Scan-
eof has not appeared before Marriage) do ſatisfie
y for the Sin committed before their Marriage.

their being in the State of Marriage notwithſtanding; and that in the ſame manner, as they ſhould have done if they were not married. *Act Seſſ.* 7, June 11, *Aſſ.* 1646.

Free Election, ſee *Tranſplantation, Congregations.*

Fugitives from Diſcipline.

IF Perſons, under Proceſs for Scandals, abſcond, they, after being called, and not compearing, ſhould be cited, firſt from the Pulpit of the Pariſh where the Proceſs depends, and they reſide; and if they appear not, they are, by Order of the Presbytery, to be cited from the Pulpits of all the Kirks of their Bounds, to compear before the Presbytery; and if they do not then compear, they are to be declared Fugitives from Diſcipline, and the ſame to be intimated in all the Kirks within the Bounds of the Presbytery; deſiring, That if any knows of the ſaid Fugitives, they may acquaint the Miniſter or Elder of the Bounds thereof: And the Presbytery are to ſiſt them, until they get further Notice of theſe Perſons. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2, § 16, *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1707.

Funeral Sermons.

FUNERAL Sermons are diſcharged, as ſavouring of Superſtition. *Act Seſſ.* 23 and 24, *Decem.* 17 and 18, *Aſſ.* 1638, *Art.* 22.

G.

Gaming, ſee *Miniſters* and there, *Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives,* § 1.

Gardin (Doctor *George*) ſee *Bourignioniſm, Acts* 1, 2.

General Aſſembly, ſee *Aſſemblies, Faſts and Thankſgivings, Acts* 2, 3.

Gilchriſt, (*Mr.* James) ſee *Separatiſts.*

Gibbs (*Mr.* Thomas) ſee *Offices in the Church.*

Gleibs and Manſes.

THIS recommended to the Parliament, or Commiſſion for planting of Kirks, to provide Miniſters a Manſe

Manſes and Gleibs, and remead the Prejudice ſuſtained by Miniſters in having their Gleibs divided in Parcels, and by lying far from their Charges, &c. *Seſ. ult.* Sept. 8. *Aſſ.* 1647.

Government Civil, ſee *Exhortation.*

Government of the Kirk, ſee *Propoſitions*, 5, 6, 7. *Students of Theology, Act* 3. *Inſtructions, Acts* 1, 2. *Univerſities.*

Governours of Youth, ſee *School-Maſters, Act* 2.

Grahame Marquels of Montroſe his Proclamation, ſee *Proclamation.*

Grammar and Grammar-Schools, ſee *Schools, Acts* 2, 4. *Colleges, Act* 1. § 1, 2, *Act* 3.

'Tis recommended to all the Univerſities, to condeſcend upon the beſt Overtures for the moſt profitable teaching of Grammar and Philoſophy, and Report to the Aſſembly, *Seſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

Greek Tongue, ſee *Colleges, Act* 1. § 3, 4, 5. *Students, Grievances of the Church.*

The Aſſembly approves of a Memorial ſetting forth fully the Churches Grievances from Patronages, from the Toleration, as it ſtands; the Hardſhips impoſed upon *Scotſmen* in Office in *England* and *Ireland*, in obliging them to take the Sacramental Teſt, and the Prejudice done to this Church by the Differences that have ariſen about the Oath of Abjuration; and recommends to all their Members to uſe their Endeavours with Friends at *London*, that the End of the Addreſſes ſet down in the Act of Aſſembly 1714. concerning the Oath of Abjuration (which ſee in Unity in the Church) may be obtained: And the ſaid Memorial is put in the Hands of their Commiſſion, who are enjoined to uſe all due Means to obtain Redreſs, and to ſend the ſame

to the Secretary of State, to be laid before his M
Act 9. *Aſſ.* 1715.

Groſs Ignorance, ſee *Propoſitions,* § 4.

Groſs Scandals, ſee *Excommunicatio Greater.*

I. In groſs Scandals, the Rules in Act 4. Aſſ are to be followed, which ſee in Scandals, *Form Pr* 3. § 5. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

II. Processes, for the Scandals of Inceſt, Ad trilapſe in Fornication, Murther, Atheiſm, Id Witchcraft, Charming, and Hereſy, and Error and made publick by any of the Congregation, and Separation from the publick Ordinances; a like groſs Scandals, Proceſſes in order to the Cenſures of the Church, and continued Contuma tively begin at the Kirk-Seſſion; yet the Seſſion d finally determine them themſelves, but having r Information of them, they are to weigh the ſa cording to the Rules and Directions preſcribed ther Proceſſes, which belong to their peculiar Pr and to deal with the accuſed to Confeſs; which done, they are to refer the Caſe, and ſend an Ex their Procedure thereanent to the Presbytery, *For Cap.* 6. § 1. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. When there is n ſeſſion of the above-mentioned Scandals, the Seſſ not to lead Probation by Witneſſes or Preſumption the Matter be firſt referred to the Presbytery as afo and the Presbytery appoint them to proceed a Probation; and after Probation is led, the ſam be brought to the Presbytery, who may inflict Cenſure they ſee Cauſe, *Ibid.* § 2. If the Pro clear, as in caſe of a judicial Confeſſion, the Seſſio ſummon the Delinquent, when before them, to c before the Presbytery without previous acquaintin thereof; but where there is any Difficulty, the ſhould take the Presbyteries Advice, before a P ſummoned before them, *Ibid.* § 3. When the confeſs before the Presbytery, and profeſs Repe the Presbytery having gravely rebuked, and ſe exhorted them, are to determine the Cenſure, an ſcribe the Time and Place of the Parties thei ſeſſion of Repentance publickly, in the Chur

that Congregation where the Proceſs began, or remit to the Seſſion to give Orders thereanent, *Ibid.* § 4. 'Tis more fit that the Scandal be removed in the Congregation, where the Offence is moſt flagrant; eſpecially, if the Party reſide in that Pariſh, rather than in the Place where it was committed, if not publick there; and that Intimation be made, of the removing thereof, in other Places, if needful, *Ibid.* § 5. When Perſons cenſured for groſs Scandals, apply to the Seſſion for Relaxation, they may both be privately conferred with, and their Acknowledgements heard before the Seſſion; but they ought not to be brought before the Congregation, in order to Abſolution, nor be abſolved, but by Advice and Order of the Presbytery, *Ibid.* § 6.

Groſs Sins.

THAT all Presbyteries give up to the Juſtices the Names of the Adulterers, inceſtuous Perſons, Witches and Sorcerers, and others guilty of ſuch groſs and fearful Sins within their Bounds, that they may be proceſſed and puniſhed, according to the Laws of the Kingdom, and that the Presbyteries and Synods be careful herein, as they will anſwer to the General Aſſemblies; and becauſe Witchcraft, Charming, and ſuch like, proceeds many times from Ignorance, that therefore all Miniſters, eſpecially, in theſe Parts where theſe Sins are frequent, be diligent in Preaching, Catechiſing, and Conference, to inform their People therein, *Overt.* and *Act Aſſ.* 11. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642.

H.

Haunters with Papiſts, and excommunicated Perſons, ſee *Excommunication*, &c. *Act* 2. 3. *Papiſts*, *Act.* 13.

Healths drinking, ſee *Miniſters*. *Act* 2. and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 11.

Hebrew

Hebrew Language, see *Students of Theol Act* 1.

Henderſon (*Mr.* Alexander.)

A Pamphlet falſely entituled, The Declaration o *Alexander Henderſon* Principal, Miniſter of Word of God at *Edinburgh*, and chief Commiſ from the Kirk of *Scotland* to the Parliament Synod of *England*, made upon his Death-bed, is deemed as forged, ſcandalous, and falſe; and th thor and Contriver of the ſame declared void of C ty and a good Conſcience, and a groſs Liar an lumniator, led by the Spirit of the Accuſer Brethren, *Act Seſſ.* 31. Aug. 7. *Aſſ.* 1648.

Hepburn (*Mr.* John,) ſee *Separatiſts.*

I. Mr. *John Hepburn* is ſuſpended from the exer the Miniſtry, and the Sentence appointed to be intim as in *Act* 27. *Aſſ.* 1696.

II. Mr. *Hepburn* is depoſed from the Office Holy Miniſtry, and is diſcharged to exerciſe the fa any Part thereof, in time coming, under the p the higheſt Cenſures of the Church for his irr and diviſive Courſes mentioned in *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 17

Note, He was afterwards reponed by the Co ſion of Aſſembly 1707, upon a Reference to th his Caſe; but their Procedure in that Matter was irregular, and excepted from the Approbation of Book, by *Aſ.* 1708.

Hereſy, ſee *Groſs Scandals, Act* 2. *Ex munication the Greater*, in fine.

Heterodoxy, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 5. § 8.

Higheſt Cenſures, ſee *Groſs Scandals, A*

High Commiſſion Court.

The High Commiſſion Court is diſallowed, condemned as unlawful in it ſelf, and prejudic the Liberties of Chriſt's Kirk and Kingdom *King's* Honour, in maintaining the eſtabliſhed

and Judicatures of the Kirk, and the Uſe and Practice of the ſame is prohibited, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Cenſures of the Kirk againſt all ſuch as ſhall tranſgreſs; *Act Seſſ.* 14. Dec. 6. *Aſſ.* 1638.

Highlands, ſee *Schools, Act* 2. § 5. *Act* 5. 6. *Libraries.*

Highland Boys and Language, ſee *Iriſh Burſars*, &c. *Burſars, Act* 12. *Probationers, Act* 3, 5, 6.

I. THAT the Knowledge of God in Chriſt may be ſpread throughout the Highlands and Iſlands, it's agreed, 1*mo*, That an Order be procured that all Gentlemen who are able to ſend, at leaſt their eldeſt Sons, to be Bred in the Inland. 2*do*, That a Miniſtry be planted among them, and for that Effect, that Miniſters and Expectants, who can ſpeak the *Iriſh* Language, be ſent to imploy their Talents in theſe Parts; and that Kirks there be provided as other Kirks in this Kingdom. 3*tio*, That *Scots* Schools be erected in all Pariſhes there, according to the Act of Parliament, where conveniently they can be had. 4*to*, That all Miniſters and ruling Elders that have the *Iriſh* Language, be appointed to viſit theſe Parts; and this Purpoſe is recommended to further Conſideration, that more Overtures might be prepared thereanent againſt the next Aſſembly, *Seſſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

II. SOME Highland Boys are recommended to Burſaries in the Univerſities, and every Congregation appointed to pay 40 *s. Scots* yearly for maintaining other Highland Boys at Schools, in Manner mentioned in *Act Seſſ.* 29. Aug. 4. *Aſſ.* 1648.

Nota, THIS Collection was only to endure for the Space of 12 Years.

III. THE Provinces of *Murray*, *Roſs*, and *Caithneſs* are exeemed from the above Contribution of 40 *ſh.* upon Condition, that each Presbytery of theſe Provinces, entertain one having the *Iriſh* Language at Schools and Colleges, *Act Seſſ.* 40. Aug. 11. *Aſſ.* 1648.

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IV. AND instead of that Contribution o
extraordinary Collection is ordained to be
Doors one Sabbath in the Year, for Ent
of *Irish* Boys at Schools and Colleges, by *A*
Aug. 6. *Ass.* 1649.

V. ENACTED, 1*mo*, That Ministers and
ners who have the *Irish* Language, be sent to
Parishes, and that none of them be settled in
Country, till the Highland Places be first
2*do*, That Ministers and ruling Elders, who
Irish Language, be appointed to visit th
3*tio*, That where in any Highland Congregat
understand *English*, and there used once a D
Sermon in *English*, Presbyteries be careful to sup
sometimes by Preaching in *English*, and that t
chise them who understand not, by an Interpr
they cannot get one to Preach to them in *I*
that these, whether Ministers or Probationers,
somewhat of the *Irish* Language, but not a F
Preach in it, be sent to these Parts for the End
that by Converse they may learn more of the I
and Ability to Instruct the People. 4*to*. Th
Schools be erected in all Highland Parishes, acc
former Acts of Parliament and General A
And it's recommended to the Commission, to A
King and Parliament, to take such Course for
other pious Uses in the more Northern Highla
as is done in *Argyle*. 5*to*, It's recommended t
teries and Universities, to have a special Rega
disposal of their Bursaries, for educating such,
hoped, may be useful to preach the Gospel in t
lands; and that the Commission Address the
Treasury, and recommend the same to th
Council of *Edinburgh*, and other Patrons for t
And that the Presbyteries of *Dumbartoun*. *Dumbl*
terarder, *Dunkeld*, *Inverness*, *Aberlour*, *Tain*, *Ding*
nock, and *Caithness*, have Bursars who have
Language, if they can be had, and that Unive
commend Students having that Language, a
are piously disposed, and of sound Principles, t
the above Presbyteries, *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1699.

VI. APPOINTED, 1*mo*, That each Presbyter
yearly to the General Assembly a distinct Ac
Probationers and Students of Divinity with
Bounds, who have the *Irish* Language. 2*do*, Th

having that Language ſettled in the Lowlands, nt to ſupply Vacancies in the Highlands; and if get orderly Calls, that they be tranſported thither. A Committee is appointed to diſtribute the *Iriſh* s, and to take Receipts thereof. And 4*to*, To en- : anent the 1000 *l.* given by the Treaſury for bind- theſe Bibles, and the remains thereof allotted to a Fund for a new Impreſſion thereof. 5*to*, That ſpecially Presbyteries having *Iriſh* Pariſhes, conſider t may be done to get a Fund for a new Impreſſion of : Bibles, and of the *Iriſh* Pſalms in Metre, and ter Catechiſms. 6*to*, That the Synod of *Argyle* ſtate the Confeſſion of Faith of this Church, and ger Catechiſm in the *Iriſh* Language, and exactly ce any Typographical Errors in the late Impreſſion ne *Iriſh* Bible, that they may be amended in a new Im- ſion. *Note*, THIS Recommendation is renewed by *Act Aſſ.* 1704. which ſee in Liberaries, *Act* 1. 7*mo*, That continue to viſit the Country and Iſles in their inds, and aſſiſt their Neighbours, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14. Committees are appointed for viſiting ſeveral hland Pariſhes, Kirks, Manſes, Gleibs, and Schools, manner mentioned in theſe Articles. And 13*to*, That Majeſty be addreſſed for the Effect of his Royal nificence to the more Northern Highlands, and the ncurrence of the Nobility and Gentry concerned leſired for this End, *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1699.

VII. ALL Presbyteries of this Church are diſcharg- for the future, to concur with any Call or Deſign of ling any Miniſter or Probationer having *Iriſh*, in Congregation in the Lowlands, unleſs ſuch Per- have been for one Year at leaſt in the Highlands plying Vacancies, and no Call offered to them, and in t Caſe, Presbyteries are allowed to ſettle them; but h this Condition, that ſo ſoon as a Call comes m any Highland Pariſh, needing one having the *Iriſh* nguage, that ſuch Perſons ſhall be tranſported, and former Acts made anent planting the Highlands are ewed; and 'tis referred to the Commiſſion to take e that the ſame be put to due Execution, *Act* 11. 1708.

VIII. PRESBYTERIES are ordained, when they are to e a young Man under Trials, who lived for ſome time is younger Years in the Highlands, or where the *Iriſh* Lan-

gregation that ſhall Call him, and ſhall be
be ſent as a Supply to the Highlands, any ſu
ment notwithſtanding: And the Commiſſio
powered, to receive Complaints from any P
or Pariſh in the Highlands, who ſhall find th
leſed in this Matter, and to put the preſent Act
cution in all Points. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1709.

IX. The Aſſembly diſcharges the planting,
land Congregations, Preachers having the *Iri*
guage, eſpecially, ſuch as have been educat
the Highland Burſaries, or tranſporting to th
lands Miniſters planted in the Highlands, w
particular Allowance of the Aſſembly, *Act* 8.

X. And the Commiſſion is impowered, to ſe
mittees to the North and Highlands, to viſit
there, and conſider the State thereof, and pu
plant Kirks, and to join the Presbyteries of th
they are ſent to, and to aſſiſt them in their W
9. *Aſſ.* 1716.

Highland Kirks, ſee *Liſts of Exp*
Schools, &c. *Act* 2. § 5. *Act* 5.
Holy Week, ſee *Articles of Peace*

I.

Idolatry, ſee *Groſs Scandals*, *Act* 2.

Idolatrous Monuments.

THAT Idolatrous Monuments be taken down, demoliſhed and deſtroyed with all convenient Diligence; and the Care of that Work is committed to Presbyteries and Provincial Aſſemblies within the Kingdom; and that their Commiſſioners Report their Diligence therein to the Aſſembly, *Act Seſſ.* 2. July 29. *J.* 1640.

Ignorant Perſons, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *particular Eccleſiaſtical Remedy* 4. *and Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs* 1.

Images, ſee *Idolatrous Monuments.*

Impiety.

MINISTERS and People are exhorted to the Religious Exerciſes of publick and private Worſhip, and to the Duties of mutual Edification, and charged to endeavour the ſuppreſſing of all Impiety, and mocking of Religious Exerciſes, and to eſchew all Meetings which are apt to breed Error, Scandal, Schiſm, Neglect of Duties, and particular Callings, and ſuch other Evils; And the Execution of this Act is remitted to Synods And Presbyteries, ſee at large, *Act Seſſ.* 10. Aug. 4. *J.* 1641.

Imprudence, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 5. *Act* 2. and there, *Enormities in their Callings*, § 10. *Act* 5. § 13. *Informers. Students of Theology*, *Act* 1.

ſiaſtical Proceſſes, where the ſame are not rail
Inſtance of a Party complaining formally; b
Party be acquitted, the Informers ought to l
either for their Calumny, or Imprudence, as
catory ſhall find Cauſe, *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 1
Aſſ. 1707.

Innovations in Worſhip.

THE Aſſembly after a long Narrative, diſc
Practice of all Innovations in Divine Worſh
this Church, and requires and obteſts all the
of this Church, eſpecially theſe in whoſe Bo
Innovations are, or may happen to be, to re
their People the Evil thereof, and ſeriouſly exh
to beware of them; and to deal with all ſu
practiſe the ſame, in order to their Recovery
formation; and enjoins the Commiſſion to uſ
per Means, by applying to the Government,
wiſe, for ſuppreſſing and removing all ſuch In
and preventing the Evils and Dangers that
thereupon to this Church, *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Inſtructions, ſee *Libraries, A*

I. THE Commiſſions granted by *Act* 16, an
1690. for Viſitations on the North and South-ſi
(which ſee in *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies, Acts* 13.
inſtructed (1. and 2.) to diſcuſs all Reference
and Bills committed to them by that Aſſem
To give Advice to Presbyteries. 4to, Purge c
ſufficient, ſupinely Negligent, Scandalous and
Miniſters. 5. Viſit Miniſters. 6. Admit to

ion. and a Share of the Government, ſuch of opal Clergy. as they, upon due Trial, found :hodox in Doctrine, of competent Abilities, pious, godly, loyal, and peaceable Converſa- an edifying Gift, and whom they believe, true and faithful to God and the Government, nt in their Miniſterial Duties, that ſhall ſub- Confeſſion of Faith, and profeſs their Submiſ- nd Willingneſs to join and concur with the ian Church Government. 7. Act cautiouſly :rately in their Procedure againſt the late Con- 8. Keep cloſe to their Inſtructions, *&c.* See *Aſſ.* 1690.

IE Commiſſion granted by Aſſembly 1694, è in *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies, Act* 16.) was in- 1. To Determine in all Matters remitted to the Aſſembly; ſome of them to go to the nd the reſt to continue in the South, their re fixed, and their firſt Meeting determined by ibly; but their after Meetings left to their own nent. § 2, 3 4 and 5. 2. They are inſtructed into Miniſterial Communion, ſuch of the Epi- ergy whom they ſhould find qualified as above, ſhould apply perſonally and orderly, and ſhould dge, engage, and ſubſcribe upon the End of the f Faith, as follows, *viz. I* A. B. *do ſincerely own e the above* Confeſſion of Faith, *approven by former ſſemblies of this Church, and ratified by Law, in the Year be the Confeſſion of my Faith; and that I own the Doc- ein contained, to be the true Doctrine which I will con- here to: As likewiſe, That I own and acknowledge m Church-Government of this Church, now ſettled by Kirk-Seſſions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General s, to be the only Government of this Church; and that I ſit thereto, concur therewith, and never endeavour, di- indirectly, the Prejudice or Subverſion thereof; and that erve Uniformity of Worſhip, and of the Adminiſtration dick Ordinances within this Church, as the ſame are at rformed and allowed.* And take Trial of Miniſters of any Scandal, Error, ſupine Negligence or In- :y, and report to the Aſſembly, and determine in of groſs uncontroverted Scandals, give Advice to ries, cenſure Calumniators of Miniſters. 7. Set- rſhips, and plant vacant Congregations in the and determine in Appeals, *&c. Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1690.

III. INSTRUCTIONS, much of the ſame N
given to the *Commiſſion* of the Aſſembly 1698,
of that Aſſembly.

IV. TO the *Commiſſion* of the Aſſembly 1699,
of that Aſſembly.

V. TO the *Commiſſion* of the Aſſembly 1700.
of that Aſſembly; and they are further joſt
ſupply the *African* and *Indian* Colony with Mi
to ſuſpend for three Months, and thereafter
niſters diſobeying Sentences of Tranſportation.

VI. THE like Inſtructions are given to th
of the General Aſſembly 1701, by *Act* 16 of t
bly; and renewed in the Commiſſion given b

VII. THE like Inſtructions are given to the
General Aſſembly 1703, by *Act* 5 of that Aſſ

VIII. TO the *Commiſſion* of General Aſſemb
Act 26 of that Aſſembly: And further, the
Highlands and Iſlands is particularly committe
and they are inſtructed to make an Applica
Parliament, for a Commiſſion for Plantatic
&c. and Viſitation of Schools and Colleges.

IX, X. THE like Inſtructions are given to
ſion of the General Aſſembly 1705, by *Act* 14
ſembly; only they are diſcharged to meddl
tences of Synods, excepting Cauſes ſpecially
them by the Aſſembly: And the ſame Inſt
renewed in the Commiſſion given by the Aſſer

XI. THE like Inſtructions as were given by
ſemblies to their *Commiſſions*, are given by
1707.

XII. THE like Inſtructions are given b
1708, to their *Commiſſion*; only they are furt
to apply to, and correſpond with the Lord
and Seſſion, about the Deſign of Erecting Sc
North, the Highlands and Iſlands, and pro
Knowledge of God and our Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*,
foreign Parts of the World, and to write to
to excite Perſons to contribute towards t
and that Presbyteries Report an Account o
gence in that Matter to the Commiſſion; a
red to the Commiſſion to uſe their Endeav
Execution of the 5th Act of Aſſembly 1707
in *Schools*) the 8th Act of that Aſſembly
in *Papiſts*) and the 15th Act of the ſam
(which ſee in *Innovations*) *Act* 9. *Aſſ.* 1708.

III. THE like Inſtructions as formerly are given by mbly 1709. to their Commiſſion, only there is ed a Clauſe, requiring the Commiſſion to take no- of what Miſrepreſentations might be made, either at ne or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worſhip, or Conſti- on of this Church; and that they take all decent and er Methods for the Vindication of the Church. *Act Aſſ.* 1709.

IV. THE like Inſtructions as formerly, are given to *Commiſſion*, by *Act* 15, *Aſſ.* 1710.

V. AND again, by *Aſſ.* 1711; only an Article is ad- requiring them to do what is proper, to maintain Rights and Privileges of this Church; and another, owering them to uſe their Endeavours to get a School ed in every Pariſh, according to Law. *Act* 9, *Aſſ.*

VI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX. THE like Inſtructions rmerly, are given to the *Commiſſion*, by *Act* 9, *Aſſ.* , and by *Act* 9, *Aſſ.* 1713. And the ſame Inſtructions enewed in the Commiſſion given by *Act* 10, *Aſſ.* 1714. again, in the Commiſſion given by *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1715. again, in the Commiſſion given by *Act* 5, *Aſſ.* 1716. XI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV. INSTRUCTIONS of the Tenor with the former, are given to the Commiſſion, *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1717; and the ſame are renewed in the Com- on given by *Act* 5, *Aſſ.* 1718. And again, in the miſſion given by *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1719. And again, in the miſſion given by *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1720.

terpreter, ſee *Highlands. Act* 5, § 3.

terrogatorys, ſee *Witneſſes, Miniſters, Act* , § 7.

timation, ſee *Correſpondence of Judicatures, Act* 2, *Abſolution, Act* 1, *Excommunication he Leſſer and greater.*

of Intrants to the Ministry, preceeding the A Act, are declared unlawful, and no ways obli Sess. 13, Decem. 5, Ass. 1638.

II. 'Tis recommended to the Commission lick Affairs, to seek Redress from the Parliat lation to the great Burdens Intrants undergo enter the Ministry, which holds many of them der; and that Ministers Manses and Stipends made free to the Intrant: And they are a consider of some fitting Overtures, to be pre Parliament for that effect. Sess. ult. June 18,

Intrinsick Power, see *Assemblies, A session of Faith, Act 6, Evils of th*

Intruders, see *Congregation, Sepa*

I. 'Tis recommended to the Commissioner bly, and Committee for the North *respective*, t quiry into unwarrantable and illegal Intru to apply to the Lords of Privy Council to Intrusion, to the effect the Kirks intruded be orderly planted, with their Lordships Affi 16, Ass. 1694.

II. Presbyteries are appointed to sen Commission, an Account of such Ministers o as intrude into Parishes, that Application may the Government, for removing them accord Act 18, Ass. 1701.

Iriſh Burſars, Probationers, Students, and Tongue, ſee *Highlands, and Highland Boys, and Language, Liſts of Expectants, Act* 1, in fine, *and Act* 2, *Tranſplantations, Act* 1, § 6, *Bibles, Burſars, Act* 8, *Probationers, Act* 3, 5, 6.

I THAT young Students that have the *Iriſh* Language, be train'd up at Colleges in Letters, eſpecially in the Studies of Divinity: And to this effect, 'tis recommended to Presbyteries and Univerſities, to prefer any hopeful Students that have that Language to Burſaries. that they, by their Studies, in proceſs of Time attaining to Knowledge, and being enabled for the Miniſtry, may be ſent forth for preaching the Goſpel in theſe Highland Parts, as Occaſion ſhall require. *Act Seſſ.* 3, Aug. 16, *Aſſ.* 1643.

II. 'Tis ſeriouſly recommended to all Presbyteries, that they fix no ſuch Preachers or Intrants, as have the *Iriſh* Language, in any Congregation within the Lowlands of *Scotland*, without the Conſent of, and Teſtificate from the Presbyteries in the Highlands where they formerly reſided. *Act* 21, *Aſſ.* 1694. *Nota*, This Act is to continue, till ſuch Time as the Highlands be compleatly provided with Miniſters.

III. 'Tis appointed, That ſuch as crave the Benefit of Burſaries, or who are to be admitted to Trials for the Miniſtry, in order to be ſent to the Highlands, be firſt examined upon their Knowledge in the *Iriſh* Language, by Perſons having a competent Meaſure of Knowledge in that Language; and be found by them to have ſo much Knowledge of that Language, as that they may be uſeful in a Highland Congregation: And the Names of the ſaid Examinators, together with their Report, is ordained to be recorded in the Books of the Judicatory that employs them in the ſaid Trials. *Act* 7, *Aſſ.* 1717.

Iriſhes, ſee *Petition.*

Ireland, ſee *Letter, Head* 7, *Act* 5.

I. A Letter from the diſtreſſed Profeſſors in *Ireland*, after the Rebellion, to the General Aſſembly, begging to be ſupplied *with Miniſters*, is recorded in *Seſſ.* 13, Aug. *Act 1642, and an Anſwer thereto.*

II. SOME Miniſters are commiſſionated to go t by Turns, to viſit, comfort, inſtruct, and encou ſcattered Flocks of *Chriſt* there, and to plant an according to the Direction of *Chriſt*, and the Doc Diſcipline of the Church of *Scotland* in all things next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

III. ANOTHER Letter from *Ireland*, to the Ca and begging, That Miniſters fled from them declared tranſportable, that they might lie o Call from them, is recorded in *Seſſ.* 4, Aug. 5,

IV. AND, in Anſwer thereto, there is a Co granted to ſome Miniſters, of the ſame Tenor former. *Seſſ.* ult. *Aug.* 19 of that Aſſembly.

V. A Petition from the diſtreſſed Chriſtians to the General Aſſembly, ſhewing their having the Solemn League, and that the Churches of Ho ſupplied them with Proviſions in their Straits; ging, That the Aſſembly would join with the turning Thanks to theſe Churches; and would Bill already adviſed by the Committee of Bills, powering the Commiſſion to grant them a Number of Miniſters, when they ſhall ſee t cleared; and in the mean time, renew their iſſu of Miniſters. *Seſſ.* 2. May *Penult. Aſſ.* 1644.

Irregularities, ſee *Schiſm.*

'TIS recommended to Presbyteries, to take all Miniſters within their Bounds, whether th forming Incumbents, or others, who ſhall n Faſts and Thanſgivings indicted by the Churc ſhall be found guilty of any irregular Carriag niſtrating the Sacraments in private, or celebr deſtine Marriages, without due Proclamation and to cenſure them accordingly. *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1

Irregular Licenſing and Ordaining niſters, ſee *Licenſing.*

Judicatories, ſee *Power of Church-ju Univerſities, Act* 5.

THE Judicatories of this Kirk, *viz.* Ki Presbyteries, Provincial and National Aſſemb

ſtored to their full Integrity, in their Members, Privileges, Liberties, Powers and Juriſdictions, as they were inſtituted by the *Book of Policy*, regiſtrate in the Books of Aſſembly 1581, and ordained to be ſubſcribed, 1590 and 1591. See *Act Seſſ.* 21, Decem. 17, *Aſſ.* 1638.

Jus devolutum, ſee *North, Act* 14.

K.

Keeping of the Kirk, ſee *Worſhip publick.*

Kell's Pariſh, ſee *Stranrawer.*

King, ſee *Letters, Head* 7, *Remonſtrances, Exhortation.*

Kirks, ſee *Viſitations Presbyterial, Burying in Kirks, Plantation of Kirks.*

I. A Recommendation to the Parliament, and *Commiſſion* for Plantation of Kirks *&c.* to diſmember ſuch Kirks, as were incommodiouſly united in corrupt Times, and adjoin the ſame (or Kirks incommodiouſly erected by themſelves) to other Kirks, when the preſent incumbents agree thereto; providing always the preſent Miniſters, who have laboured and endured the Heat of the Day, may enjoy the Benefit of ſuch Parcels as ſhall be taken from them, during their Life; Is approven: And 'tis referred to the *Commiſſion*, to aſſiſt any intereſſed in theſe particulars, in proſecuting the ſame before theſe Judicatories. *Seſſ.* ult. *Sept.* 1. *Aſſ.* 1647.

II. THAT the Miniſters and People repair to the Kirk, half an hour before that Time, at which ordinarly the Miniſter now entreth to the publick Worſhip; and that the Exerciſe of Reading and expounding, together with the ordinary Exerciſe of Preaching, be perfected and ended at the Time which formerly cloſed the Exerciſe of publick Worſhip. *Act Seſſ.* 14, Feb. 7, *Aſſ.* 1645. The Act is the Opinion of the Committee for keeping greater Uniformity in this Kirk, *&c. Art.* 1.

Kirk-government, see *Ordination, Propoſ* &c. § 5, 6, 7.

Kirks in the Highlands, see *Liſts of E tants, Act* 1 in fine, *and Act* 2.

Kirkmen, see *Places Civil.*

Kirk-ſeſſions, see *Evils of the Kirk, S book, Judicatories, Acts of Aſſembly, 6. Excommunication the leſſer, Groſs dals.*

I. An Overture, That no Miniſter moderating Seſſion, uſurp a Negative Voice over Members of ſion; and where there are two or moe Miniſters Congregation, that they have equal Power in Vo That one of them hinder not the Reaſoning or V of any Thing, whereunto the other Miniſter or Mi with a great part of the Seſſion, inclineth, being able to the Acts and Practice of the Kirk; and th of the Miniſters, without the Advice of his Coll appoint not Diets of Communion or Examinatio ther hinder his Colleague from Catechiſing, an other Religious Exerciſes, as oft as he pleaſeth; I red to the Care of Presbyteries, by *Seſſ.* 23 and 24 I 17 and 18, *Aſſ.* 1638, *Art.* 18.

II. That the old Seſſion elect the new Seſſion, b Burgh and Land; and if any Place ſhall vake, Seſſion choſen, by Death, or otherwiſe, that the Seſſion have the Election of the Perſon to fill the Room. *Act Seſſ.* 5, Aug. 1, *Aſſ.* 1642.

Kirkcudbright, see *Stranrawer, Dalry.*

Kirkmahreck, see *Stranrawer.*

Kirkwall-preſbytery, see *Caithneſs, Orkn*

Kneeling, see *Articles of* Perth.

Knowledge, see *Chriſtian Knowledge, chiſing.*

L.

Large Declaration.

A Supplication is preſented to His Majeſty's Commiſſioner, againſt the Book called *The Large Declaration*; which falſly aſperſeth the Church wich diſloyal Deſigns; entreating, His Majeſty might be pleaſed to call in that Book, and puniſh the Authors thereof. *Seſſ.* 23, Aug. 30, *Aſſ.* 1639.

'Tis noted here, That the Commiſſioner in Council having received that Supplication, promiſed to impart the ſame to His Majeſty, and report his Diligence therein.

Larger Catechiſm, ſee *Catechiſm*, *Act* 3.

Latine Tongue, ſee *Colleges*, *Act* 1, § 2. *Grammar-ſchools*, *Schools*, *Act* 2, § 6, *Act* 4.

Laureation, ſee *Schools*, *Act* 4.

Law-ſuits prohibited to Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives*, § 5.

League Solemn, ſee *Covenant*, *Act* 2, 3.

Learning, ſee *Colleges*, eſpecially, *Act* 1, § 9. *Schools*, *Grammar-ſchools*, *Univerſities*.

'Tis recommended to the Commiſſioners, directed from the ſeveral Univerſities, to ſubſequent Aſſemblies, to meet together, and prepare Overtures to the Aſſembly, for the Eſtabliſhment and Advancement of Piety and Learning, and good Order in the Schools and Univerſities, and to keep a Correſpondence amongſt themſelves for theſe good Ends. *Act* 6, *Aſſ.* 1707.

Lecturing, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Particular Eccleſiaſtick Remedy* 1.

1. *'Tis recommended* to the ſeveral Presbyteries, that *they endeavour*, that the Miniſters within their reſpective Boun-

Bounds, ſhall, in their Exerciſe of Lecturing, read and open up to the People, ſome large and conſiderable Portion of the Word of God. to the effect the old Cuſtom, introduc'd and eſtabliſhed by the Directory, may by Degrees be revived. *Act 9. Aſſ.* 1694.

II. THE ſeveral Miniſters of the Church are appointed and ordained, to obſerve the foreſaid Act 1694, anent Lecturing: And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, at their privy Cenſures, to enquire how the ſaid Act has been obſerved by the ſeveral Brethren within their Bounds, and that an Account of their Diligence thereanent be inſert in their Presbytery-books; and that Synods, at their privy Cenſures, enquire how Presbyteries have obſerved the ſaid Recommendation. *Act 5, Aſſ.* 1704.

III. THAT the ſeveral Presbyteries at their privy Cenſures and parochial Viſitations, enquire diligently how Miniſters obſerve the Acts of former Aſſemblies, concerning Lecturing and Expounding of the holy Scripture. *Act 10, Aſſ.* 1706.

I.

Letters, ſee *Ireland, Act* 1, 3, *Teſtimonials, Correſpondence.*

II.

Letter to the African Company's Miniſters.

LETTER from the General Aſſembly to the Miniſters ſent by the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly 1659, to the *African* and *Indian* Company's Colony in *Caledonia*, comforting them, and ſtrengthning their Hands in their Work. *Act 6, Aſſ.* 1700.

III.

Letters to & from Commiſſioners at London.

I. A Letter from the General Aſſembly to the Commiſſioners from *Scotland* at *London*, entreating them to uſe all lawful Means, Arguments and Occaſions, to advance Unity in Religion, & Uniformity in Church-government, betwixt the Kingdoms. *Seſſ.* 11, Aug. 5, *Aſſ.* 1642.

II. LETTER from the Commiſſioners at *London* to the General Aſſembly, giving them an Account of their Diligence, and of the Advancement of the Work of Reformation in *England*; particularly, that the Solemn League

League was taken there, and Prelacy aboliſhed, &c. And begging the Help of their Prayers; and the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, ſent to them with their Commiſſion; are recorded in *Seſſ.* 7, June 4. *Aſ.* 1644.

III. ANOTHER Letter from theſe Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, giving a farther Account of their Proceedings; and deſiring, That the Directory for Worſhip then concluded in both Houſes of Parliament in *England*, and ſent down to *Scotland*, might be returned with all Expedition, that it might be publiſhed there, and put in practice; That any Differences among particular Brethren about the ſame might be laid aſide, and that the Aſſembly might appoint a *Commiſſion*, to whom they might have Recourſe for Advice; Is recorded in *Seſſ.* 2, Jan. 23, *Aſſ.* 1645. and the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto; ſhewing their Joy for the Advances made in the Uniformity in Religion, and encouraging them to continue in their Work, and referring Particulars to the Brethren returning to them; Is recorded in *Seſſ. ult.* of the ſame Aſſembly.

IV.

Letter to Countrymen Abroad.

LETTER from the General Aſſembly to the *Scots* Miniſters in *Poland*, *Swedland*, *Denmark* and *Hungary*; beſeeching and warning them to ſeek after the Knowledge of *Chriſt*; and for Help therein, to pray, That God would give them Paſtors according to his Heart; and to conſult and agree amongſt themſelves, with Conſent of their Superiors under whom they live, for ſetting up the Worſhip of God, and Eccleſiaſtical Diſcipline among them, according to the Form eſtabliſhed and received in their Mother-kirk, and for a Way of ſettled Maintenance of Paſtors and Teachers; promiſing, That the Commiſſioners of Aſſembly will upon their Deſire, provide ſome able and godly Miniſters for them; and likewiſe, communicating to them the Directory for the publick Worſhip of God, the Form of Eccleſiaſtical Government and Diſcipline, with the Confeſſion of Faith and Catechiſms of this Church: And in the mean time, exhorting them to private and ſecret Prayer; to Stedfaſtneſs in that Faith in which they were baptized; to a ſuitable Converſation; and to a Senſe of their Country's Sufferings: Is recorded in *Seſſ. ult. Sept.* 1, *Aſſ.* 1647.

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V.

Letters to and from Divines, *and Aſſembly in* England.

I. A Letter from ſome Miniſters in *England*, the Aſſembly's Advice, what Form of Church-g ment they ſhould ſet up in the Room of Epiſcopa to be aboliſhed: And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thei commending to them Unity in Doctrine, Diſcipli vernment with the Kirk of *Scotland*. *Seſſ.* 18. Aug. 9,

II. LETTER from ſome Miniſters in *England*, General Aſſembly 1642. ſhewing their Deſire, tha byterian Government ſhould be eſtabliſhed among That there ſhould be an Uniformity in Doctrine pline and Government betwixt the Nations; Or feſſion of Faith, one Directory of Worſhip, one Catechiſm and Form of Government; and crav Aſſembly's Advice, by what Means to advan Work, and their Aſſiſtance therein. *Seſſ.* 11, Au that *Aſſ.* 1642. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer to th ter, ſhewing their Earneſtneſs with God, and the vours uſed by them, both with His Majeſty and ment of *England*, for the foreſaid Uniformity; gence by the joint Labours of ſome Divines in both doms, who may prepare the ſame for the View of frequent and Eccleſiaſtical Meeting of the beſt affe Reformation in *England*, and of the Commiſſio the General Aſſembly in *Scotland*; that in the E might be approven by the General Aſſembly here, all the Kirks there, in the beſt way that may b at laſt, of the National Aſſembly, when met there ſhowing them, that the Aſſemblies at *Edinburgh* their Name, receive and return Anſwers, for pro ſo great a Work. *Ibid.*

III. ANOTHER Letter from ſome Miniſters *land* to *Aſſ.* 1643, craving the Help of their Pra their preſent publick Danger from a *Popiſh* and *I* Party, and their Advice in what remains to be do ther by them, for making their own and their Kin Peace with God, and what may be the happieſt for uniting the Proteſtant Party among them mor againſt *Antichriſt*. See *Seſſ.* 8, Aug. 10, *Aſſ.* 1643. *Aſſembly*'s Anſwer to theſe Miniſters their Lette

forting them in their ſad Calamities, and encouraging them to go on in the Lord's Work, and to enter with this Kirk in a perpetual Covenant with the Lord, for themſelves and their Poſterity. *Seſſ.* ult. *Aug*, 19, *Aſſ.* 1643.

IV. LETTER from the Aſſembly of Divines in *England* to the General Aſſembly 1643, thanking them for their zealous Aſſiſtance and Concurrence in furthering the Work of Reformation. *Seſſ.* 14, Aug. 17, *Aſſ.* 1643. And the ſaid Aſſembly's Anſwer to that Letter of the Aſſembly of Divines in *England*, ſhewing their Affection to them, and Sympathy with them in the Work of the Lord: and that they had approven of the Draught of the Solemn League and Covenant betwixt the Kingdoms, and had commiſſionate ſome Brethren to treat with them, of the common Affairs of Religion and Safety. *Seſſ. ult. Aug.* 19, *Aſſ.* 1643.

V. LETTER from the Presbytery with the Army in *England*, to General Aſſembly 1644, giving them an Account of the State of their Affairs; and entreating them to ſtir up the People to Prayer and Humiliation, That God would preſerve Peace and Truth at Home, and make the People of *Engdand* fit to embrace the intended Reformation. *Seſſ.* 2, *Penult. May*, *Aſſ.* 1644. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, ſhewing, That they had ſet down an Order, to be kept thereafter, in ſending Miniſters to the Army, which they had ſent with their Anſwers. *Seſſ.* 6, June 3, *Aſſ.* 1644.

VI. LETTER from the Synod of Divines in the Kirk of *England*, to the General Aſſembly 1644, to the ſame purpoſe; with the Commiſſioners at *London* their Letter (which ſee *ſupra*) *Seſſ.* 7, June 4, *Aſſ.* 1644. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto. *Ibid.*

VII. LETTER from the Synod of Divines in the Kirk of *England* to the General Aſſembly 1645, alſo giving an Account of the Advance made in the Work of Reformation there, and the Method of their Procedure therein; and tranſmitting the Directory for Worſhip. *Seſſ.* 2. Jan. 23, *Aſſ.* 1645. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, ſhewing their having approved the Directory for Worſhip, and the Propoſitions for Kirk-government and Ordination of Miniſters; and renewing the Commiſſion to their Commiſſioners at *London*. *S. ſ. ult.* Feb. 13 *Aſſ.* 1645.

VIII. LETTER from the General Aſſembly 1646, to the Divines of the Kirk of *England* aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, exhorting them to continue their Diligence to advance

vance Unity in Religion, and to ſuppreſs the Gro
Sects and Sectaries. *Seſſ. ult. June* 18, *Aſſ.* 1646.

IX. A Letter from the Synod of Divines in E
to the General Aſſembly 1648. regrating the Hind
the Work of Reformation hath met with in both
doms; and commending the Zeal, Conſtancy an
thodoxy of the Church of *Scotland*. *Seſſ.* 1, July
1648. And that Aſſembly's Anſwer to the foreſaid
ſhewing the Church of *Scotland*'s Firmneſs to their
ples and Solemn League; and particularly giving
ſtimony againſt the then unlawful Engagement i
bleſſing God for their Unity and Soundneſs in the
and entreating them to give a publick Teſtim
Chriſt, both againſt Sectaries and Malignants, and
ably to warn the Houſes of Parliament to prom
Work of Reformation, and Uniformity accordin
Covenant, and gravely to warn their diſſenting B
what a Door they open to Sectarianiſm by their
Independency: And they perſwade themſelves, t
Well-affected in *England* will agree or hearken to
tion of any ſuch Treaty of Peace, as leaves out
Security for Religion, and the Cauſe of God,
Solemn League and Covenant. *Seſſ.* 24, Aug. 2,

VI.

Letter *to the Kirks in* Holland

A Letter from the Aſſembly to the Kirks in th
lands, (written in *Latin*) thanking them for the
ance given to the Work of Reformation in this K
and for their Supply ſent to the diſtreſſed Chri
the North of *Ireland*; entreating them, in thei
to thank the States and the People for their Bount
Reſpect; and thanking the Kirks there, for thei
able Warning given to the reformed Churches,
Danger from Impoſtors that had ariſen, falſly
the Name of *Jeſus*, and other Servants of *Antichri*
corded in *Seſſ.* 6, June 3, *Aſſ.* 1644.

VII.

itions of the Aſſembly 1639, is recorded in *Seſſ.* 1; And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, in *Seſ.* 18. *Aſſ.* 1641.

NOTHER Letter from K. *Charles* I. to the Aſſem- *ſeſ.* 1, July 27, *Aſſ.* 1642.

NOTHER Letter from him to General Aſſembly *Seſ.* 1, Aug 2. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer there- ng His Majeſty a ſhort Hint of their Proceedings blick Affairs of Religion, in *Seſ. ult.* Aug. 19 of :mbly.

NOTHER from His Majeſty to General Aſſem- ;, declaring his real Reſolutions to comply with res of his Parliaments in both Kingdoms, and ruſted by them, for ſettling of Truth and Peace in ominions; and to maintain Religion there, as e- l in Doctrine, Worſhip and Church-Government, vour the ſettling of Peace in *Scotland*; and the tion of Religion, and Peace, in *England* and *Ire-* ecorded *Seſ.* 2, June 1646. And the General Af- Anſwer thereto, in *Seſ. ult.* June 18 of the ſame *y.*

Letter from the Aſſembly to K. *Charles* II. de- heir Duty and Loyalty to His Majeſty; and that from their Hearts, abominate and deteſt that hor- of the Sectaries againſt the Life of his Royal Fa- d that it was the unfeigned and earneſt Deſire of ils, that the ancient Monarchical Government of ngdoms might be eſtabliſhed, and flouriſh in His ; Perſon and Family; and that there is nothing, ie Glory of God and Cauſe of the Lord *Jeſus* which they did more heartily ſolicite the Throne ; or for which they would more readily expoſe Hazard, all that is dear to them in the World, this: They warn him of the Evil of the Ways rſes he is led unto by evil Counſels; particularly, ing to, and entertaining ſuch Men as his truſtieſt ors, who have not the Glory of God nor Good of le before their Eyes; but ſeek their own Intereſts the Hazard and utter Subverſion of his Throne, of his Royal Family, and the deſolation of his ns; His ſettling a late Peace with the *Iriſh Papiſts*, to the Laws of God and of the Kingdoms; and anger of theſe Ways: They exhort him to Re- , and that he would ſincerely and cordially con- his Royal Allowance and Authority, for eſta-

VI. Letter from His Majeſty K. *William* to neral Aſſembly 1690. ſhewing the Motives of his tenancing that Aſſembly; and recommending t Calmneſs, and Unanimity in their Proceedings corded in *Seſ.* 2 of that Aſſembly. And the Aſſ Anſwer thereto, thankfully acknowledging the G of God, and His Majeſty's Kindneſs as an Inſtr in relieving this Church and Kingdom from its la fuſions, and re-eſtabliſhing the ſame, and counte that Aſſembly; and ſhewing their Reſolutions to and peaceable Procedure; and profeſſing their D Loyalty to their Majeſties; Is recorded in *Seſ.* 4 Aſſembly.

VII. The Aſſembly's Letter to His Majeſty Cloſing of the ſame Aſſembly, giving him an Acc their Proceedings, in *Act* 14, *Aſſ.* 1690.

VIII. A Letter from the General Aſſembly t K. *William*, acknowledging His Majeſty's Kin this Church; profeſſing their Loyalty to their M declaring their Reſolutions faithfully to endeav midſt all their Difficulties and Diſcouragements, t ing Compoſure and Peace of this Church, the fu of their Majeſties Service in their Station, as the ſhould enable them. See *Act* 2. *Aſſ.* 1690.

ance of his Reſolution to maintain Presbyterian
nt. See *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer
romiſing the Proſecution of what is therein re-
d, and begging the vigorous Execution of the
nſt Prophanity; Is recorded in *Act* 4, *Aſſ.*

OTHER Letter from the King to Aſſembly
ie ſame Effect with the former; and further,
ling the Aſſumption of the Epiſcopal Miniſters
es and Doctrine do render them uſeful to the
iee *Act* 2, *Aſſ.* 1698. And the Aſſembly's An-
o, Act 3 of that Aſſembly.

OTHER Letter from the King, *Act* 2. And
ly's Anſwer thereto, *Act* 3, *Aſſ.* 1699.

NOTHER from the King, to the ſame Ef-
he former, *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer
& 3, *Aſſ.* 1700.

NOTHER from His Majeſty, *Act* 2, to the
. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer, acknowledging,
Proof of His Majeſty's tender Care and Con-
is Church, his giving the Royal Aſſent, in the
of Parliament, to the Acts therein made, for
and further confirming the *Confeſſion of Faith*,
reſent eſtabliſhed Presbyterian Government of
:h, for the more effectual preventing of the
Popery, and ſuppreſſing Prophaneneſs and Im-
and ſhewing, That the laſt Aſſembly had ſent
ſion to the Iſlands of *Orkney* and *Zetland*, for
hurches, and advancing the Knowledge of God
t People; who had in a good meaſure execu-
me. See *Act* 3, *Aſſ.* 1701.

OTHER from the King, *Act* 2. And the An-
nſwer, of the ſame Contents with the former;
ſſembly takes notice of the Account they had of
:y's Indiſpoſition; and prays for his Preſerva-
6, *Aſſ.* 1702.

Letter from Her Majeſty Queen *Anne*, to the
t with K. *William*'s; and containing alſo an Af-
protecting the Presbyterian Government: Is
n *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto,
ting Her Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne,
. 1703.

ANOTHER Letter from Her Majeſty, in *Act* 2.
ſſembly's Anſwer thereto; thanking Her Ma-
giving her Royal Aſſent, in the laſt Seſſion of

Aſſembly's Return thereto. Act 3, Sess. 1708.

XX. Queen *Anne*'s Letter to the Aſſembly 17 the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, of the ſame Str former Letters. *Acts* 2 and 3 of that Aſſembly.

XXI. ANOTHER Letter from the Queen to th bly 1708, acknowledging her Satisfaction with and Affection that the Miniſters of this Church to her Perſon and Government, upon the App an Invaſion by her Enemies. And the Aſſembly thereto. *Acts* 2 & 3 of that Aſſembly.

XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXV Queen's Letters to Aſſemblies 1709, 1710, 17 1713 & 1714. And the Aſſembly's Anſwers ther all recorded in the *Acts* 2 & 3 of the ſaid Aſſemb

XXVIII. KING *George*'s Letter to the Aſſem being the firſt Aſſembly in His Majeſty's Reign he promiſes, That he will inviolably maintain byterian Church of *Scotland*, her Rights and as he had engaged to do upon his Acceſſion to th (*See* His Majeſty's Oath to this Effect, in *Oaths*, protect her from any illegal Inſults and Encr being made upon her, of what Kind ſoever; I in *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto; they thank God for his peaceable Acceſſion to th

Privileges, *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's dutiful Return thereto. *Act* 3 of that Aſſembly.

XXX. THE King's Letter to the Aſſembly 1717; wherein he declares his Satisfaction with the conſtant Zeal and Affection of the Church of *Scotland* to his Perſon and Government; which neither the Force and Violence of his open Enemies, nor the artful Contrivances of factious and ill-deſigning Men, have been able to alter: And he aſſures them of his firm Reſolution to promote the Intereſt, and inviolably to maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Presbyterian Church of *Scotland*, *Act* 2. And the Aſſembly's dutiful Anſwer thereto. *Act* 3, *Aſſ.* 1717.

XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII. THE King's Letters to Aſſemblies 1718, 1719 & 1720. And the Aſſembly's Anſwers thereto; are recorded in the *Acts* 2 & 3 of the ſaid Aſſemblies.

VIII.

Letter to the Parliament of England.

A Letter from the General Aſſembly 1646 to the Parliament of *England*, bleſſing God for the Progreſs they had made in ſettling Uniformity in Religion; and entreating them to eſtabliſh all the Ordinances of *Jeſus Chriſt* in the full Integrity and Power thereof, according to the ſolemn League and Covenant, profeſſing their Deſire to hold faſt the Bonds of that Covenant as ſacred and inviolable, and promiſing to themſelves the ſame from that Parliament, is recorded in *Seſſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

IX.

Letter to the City of London.

A Letter from the Aſſembly 1646, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and common Council of the City of *London*, commending their Zeal for the common Cauſe of Religion, and encouraging them to Stedfaſtneſs therein, *Ibid.*

Liberty of Conſcience, ſee *Propoſitions*, &c. in princ.

Libraries, see *Highland Boys*, &c. *Act* 6. 4, 5.

I. The Assembly declares their Approbation of Design and Project set on foot, by some piously end Persons, in this and the Neighbour Nation of *land*, for erecting Libraries in the Highlands of Kingdom, in which good Advances have been made; appoints a Letter of Thanks to be written to the ciety in *England*, for propagating Christian Knowl and to others who have given their Concurrence Assistance in this Matter; and impowers their C mission to apply to the Lords of His Majesty's Council, or Treasury, for their Assistance, in or bring down the said Books from *England*, and tra ting the same to the Places under-written, at they are to be fixed in this Kingdom, and to giv best Advice and Assistance for making this Pro fectual, and to use their Endeavours for gettin Impression of the Bible in *Irish*, and renews the mendation of the Assembly 1699, *Act* 16. *Sess.* 18. see in *Highlands*) to the Synod of *Argyle*, for tra the *Confession of Faith*, and *Larger Catechism* in the I guage, with a Vocabulary of the most necessary a Terms in Divinity; And likewise renews the 22c the Assembly 1694, (*which see in* Psalms) concer Use of the *Irish Psalms* and *Shorter Catechism*. *Act* 1704. This Act also appoints Places, at which th ries are to be fixed; but that Appointment is al the following Act.

II. Act dividing the whole Libraries for th lands, both Presbyterial and Parochial, as foll The Presbyterial Libraries (whereof there are in all.) Thus, To the Presbytery of *Zetland* on one. *Caithness* one, *Sutherland* one. *Ross* three. *Inve Aberlour* one, *Abernethy* one, *Strathbogie* and *For Dunkeld* one, *Argyle* five, *Dumbartoun* one. the odd terial Library is bestowed on the Synod of with a special Respect to the remote and large such as *Lewis*, and that in place of the Distributi by the former Act 17. 1704 And the parochial L being in Number fifty eight, are distributed as f *viz.* To *Zetland* two, *Orkney* three, *Caithness* two, *land* two, *Ross* four, *Inverness* three, *Aberlour* two,

ne, *Alfoord* one, *Kincardine* two, in the Bounds of
lod of *Angus* and *Mearns* three, in the Presbytery
keld four, *Auchterarder* two, *Dumblain* two, *Dumbar-*
ro; and for the Bounds of the Synod of *Argyle*
three, and theſe Parochial Libraries are appoint-
e fixed at ſuch Places, as the reſpective Synods and
teries find moſt convenient; and a Committee
inted, for managing the ſaid Libraries in manner
ned in the Act; and for digeſting in order ſome
of Books not methodiſed and ſorted (which are
the ſaid 77 Libraries) and diſtributing them to
laces as have moſt need, with a ſpecial Regard
remote Iſles, *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1705.

THERE are ſeveral Inſtructions given to the
iſſion, and particularly, to require an Account
he Committee of Aſſembly 1705, for managing
l Libraries, how they have diſtributed the ſame,
om the Agent how he has obeyed the Orders
Committee, anent ſending of the Libraries and
ibles to the reſpective Places appointed for them,
call for an Account from the reſpective Presby-
of the Receipt of their Proportions of theſe Bibles
ibraries, and how they have diſpoſed of them,
ing to the Order of the Aſſembly 1705, and their
ittee; And Presbyteries are appointed to ſend theſe
nts to the Commiſſion or Committee to be ap-
l by them for this Affair; and that theſe Ac-
be ſent in Writing, ſubſcribed by the Mode-
nd Clerk of the Presbytery; and the Commiſ-
ordained to take Care, that theſe Accounts be
d in a particular Regiſter for that Purpoſe; and
ommended to the Commiſſion, or their Com-
, to diſtribute eleven Boxes lately come down from
, and any Libraries or Books that ſhall be ſent
betwixt and the next Aſſembly, to ſuch Places
Church and Nation as have moſt need, and may
ſwer the Deſign of the Donors; And that Com-
is alſo inſtructed, to enquire into the State of the
nds and Iſlands, how they are planted with
ers, and of the remaining Paganiſh Cuſtoms a-
them, and of the encreaſe of Popery, and how
re provided of Schools, what Places moſt need
n theſe Matters. and what Encouragement theſe
xpect, who encline to enter in a Society, for erec-
nd maintaining Charity-Schools, for educating

for that End; and it's referred to the Commiſſ
forward the above Recommendation; And, Preſ
who have got a Share of theſe Libraries, are def
ſend Accounts to the Commiſſion of their Rec
them, where they are fixed, how they have o
the Rules ſent with them, and what Improv
they are making of them, and other Things rela
theſe Libraries enjoined to them by Acts of form
ſemblies, and their Commiſſions, *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 17

Licenſing, ſee *Probationers, Overtures. A*
Synod-Books, Act 5. § 7.

'Tis enacted and declared, that any Perſons wh
hereafter receive either Licence or Ordination fro
of the late Prelates, or any others not allowed b
Authority of the Church, ſhall be incapable of
ſterial Communion for the Space of three Yea
pliciter, and even after that Time, ay and whi
Presbytery, to which he ſhall apply, be ſatisfied
cerning his Repentance, *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1701.

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Privileges, and perform the Duties therein, whereof y are, or ſhall be found capable, *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1690.

ts of Abſents from the Commiſſion, ſee *Commiſſion, Act* 45, *and* 47.

Liſts or Rolls of Expectants.

Its Majeſty having declared and promiſed by his :laration, dated at *Whitehall, January* 3. 1642. for the ter providing of vacant Kirks, at his Majeſty's Pre- :ation, with qualified Miniſters, to preſent one, : of a Liſt of ſix Perſons ſent to his Majeſty, from Presbyteries wherein the vacant Kirk lyeth: The embly did ordain, That every Presbytery give up rly to their Synods, a Roll of the ableſt of their pectants, who have undergone due Trials, and after tals have been upon the publick Exerciſe, at leaſt, the Space of half a Year, or longer, as the Presby- y ſhall find neceſſary, or even of actual Miniſters, l that the Synods ſelect out of theſe Rolls, ſuch Per- s whom they, in certain Knowledge, judge moſt fit the Miniſtry, and worthieſt of the firſt place; And ods are impowered to add to, or alter theſe Rolls n by the Presbyteries, as they ſhall think reaſon- ; and that Synods ſend the Rolls made by them in Manner to the next Aſſembly, who ſhall alſo ex- ne the Rolls of the Synods, and add or alter the e, as ſhall be thought expedient; which Roll made the Aſſembly, ſhall be ſent to every Presbytery; l that the Presbytery, with Conſent of the moſt or Part of the Congregation, make a Liſt of ſix ons willing to accept of the Preſentation, out of : Roll of the Aſſembly, upon every Occaſion of Va- on of any Kirk within their Bounds, and ſhall ſend ſame, together with a blank Preſentation, the which his Majeſty, be Patron to the Pariſh there) ſhall be : by the Procurator or Agent of the Kirk, to ſuch the Commiſſioners of the General Aſſembly, or in r abſence, the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* ſhall direct, think at that time moſt able and willing to obtain Preſentation to be ſigned, and filled up by his Ma- 's choice of one of the Liſt; and if the vacant

Kirk

Kirk, and Presbyteries in Kirks, whereof Gifi
tronage may be presented to the Exchequer. e
bytery is ordained, with all diligence, to use
of exact Trial of the Nature and Quality of
within their Bounds; as, what Kirks belon
King's Patronage, and what to other Laick P
what Kirks of old were planted by Presbyte
what by Prelates and Bishops before the
at *Glasgow*, in 1638; what hath been the Way a
of the Change of the planting and providin
Kirks, if any have been changed, or any oth
concerning the Nature and Quality of eve
within their Bounds; and to send the same to
curator of the Kirk with all diligence (see th
self more fully) in *Sess.* 7. Aug. 3. *Act.* 1642.
is as to Lowland Kirks, but in the Highland
of the Paucity of Expectants, who have
Language, his Majesty is entreated to accept
of so many Expectants as can be had, able
that Language, which the King's Commissi
mised to recommend to his Majesty, *Ibid.*

II. In Respect of the Difficulty of obtainin
and well qualified Persons to be put into a L

removed, and Report to the next Aſſembly Aug. 19. *Aſſ.* 1643.

of Papiſts, ſee *Papiſts, Acts* 1, 3. § 5. 4. § 1. *Act* 11, 13, 15.
of Witneſſes, ſee *Witneſſes.*
ner, ſee *Lorn.*
t, ſee *Colleges, Act* 1. § 3.
n, ſee *Letter, Head* 9.
Lord's-Day, ſee *Mercats, Sabbath.*

1 Acts made againſt Salmond-Fiſhing on the
, or againſt any other Labour on the *Lord's-*
:lared not only to be againſt Servants who ac-
Work, but the ſame are alſo extended againſt
, whoſe hired Servants they are, *Act Sef.* 11.
4. *Aſſ.* 1643.
.11 Skippers and Sailers diſcharged and in-
to begin any Voyage on the *Lord's Day*, or to
my Ships, Barks, or Boats out of Harbours
ds, upon that Day, and who ſhall do in the con-
ereof, ſhall be cenſured as profaners of the Sab-
and it's recommended to Presbyteries and o-
'hom it may concern, to ſee both the Acts of
ly and Parliament made for cenſuring and pu-
Prophanation of the *Lord's-Day* to be put in
ion againſt them, *Sef. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.
All the Brethren of the Miniſtry, and other Of-
of the Church are, in the fear of God, earneſt-
orted to contribute their utmoſt Endeavours, in
tations, for ſuppreſſing the groſs Prophanation of
d's-Day, by idle vagueing, unneceſſary travelling,
herwiſe, by a vigorous and impartial, yet pru-
xerciſe of the Diſcipline of the Church, and by
g Hand to the Execution of the laudable Laws
Nation, againſt the Guilty, in ſuch Way and
r, as is allowed and required by Law; and it's
mended to the Commiſſion to Addreſs the Lords
ivy Council, to give ſuch Orders, and to take
Courſes for reſtraining theſe Abuſes, as they in
Wiſdom ſhall judge moſt effectual, *Act* 9. *Aſſ.*

IV. EACH

done to GOD and his Church; And all Min
enjoined, from their Pulpits, to adviſe their
mong whom ſuch Practices are, of the grea
their immortal Souls are in by ſuch Courſes;
if they continue therein, there will be a Ne
repreſent to the Lords Juſtices all tranſgreſſor
Laws made againſt profaning of the Sabba
warn them to abſtain therefrom in time coming;
Miniſters and Church Judicatures are enjoined
care, that former Acts of Aſſembly made againſ
of the *Lord's-Day*, may be obſerved, and not
proceed with Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures, but appl
Juſtices of the Peace in their Bounds, and o
giſtrates for putting in Execution the good
ready made againſt the breach of the Sabbath
ther Immoralities, *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Lord's-Supper and Table, ſee *Arti*
Perth, Scandals, &c. *Act* 4. *Prof*
Act 1. *Act* 3. § 5, *Unity,* &c. *Act*

I. AN Overture for renewing the Act 25. *D*
Seſ. 5. touching the more frequent Adminiſtr

ed before the Communion, according to the by-Practice of this Kirk. 2*do*, That there be no Read- n time of Communicating, but the Miniſter making ort Exhortation at every Table, that thereafter : be Silence during the time of the Communicants ving, excepting only when the Miniſter expreſſeth : few ſhort Sentences, ſuitable to the preſent Condi- of the Communicants in the receiving, that they be incited and quickned in their Meditations in Action. 3*tio*, That Diſtribution of the Elements ng the Communicants be univerſally uſed, and for Effect, that the Bread be ſo prepared, that the mmunicants may divide it amongſt themſelves, after Miniſter hath broken and delivered it to the neareſt. That while the Tables are diſſolving and filling, e be always ſinging of ſome Portion of a Pſalm, rding to the Cuſtom. 5*to*, That the Communi- s, both before their going to and after coming from Table, ſhall only join themſelves to the preſent pub- Exerciſe then in hand. 6*to*, That when the Com- ion is to be celebrated in a Pariſh, one Miniſter be imployed for aſſiſting the Miniſter of the Pa- or at the moſt Two. 7*mo*, That there be one ion of Preparation delivered in the ordinary Place ublick Worſhip, upon the Day immediately preceed- 8*vo*, That before the ſerving of the Tables, there nly one Sermon delivered to thoſe who are to Com- nicate, and that in the Kirk where the Service is to performed; and that in the ſame Kirk, there be one on of Thankſgiving after the Communion is ended. When the Pariſhioners are ſo Numerous, that their iſh Kirk cannot contain them, ſo that there is a Ne- ty to keep out ſuch of the Pariſh as cannot con- iently have Place, that in that Caſe, the Brother aſſiſts the Miniſter of the Pariſh, may be ready, eed be, to give a Word of Exhortation, in ſome con- ient Place appointed for that Purpoſe, to thoſe of the iſh who that Day are not to Communicate, which ſt not be begun until the Sermon delivered in the k be concluded. 10*mo*, That of theſe who are pre- in the Kirk where the Communion is celebrated, e be permitted to go forth while the whole Tables ſerved, and the Bleſſing pronounced, unleſs it be more commodious Order, and in other Caſes of eſſity. 11*mo*, That the Miniſter who cometh to

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prejudge any honest Perſon who occaſionally
Place where the Communion is celebrate,
by Death or abſence of their own Miniſter.
have a Teſtimonial, *Seſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1
Act is the Opinion of the Committee for k
greater Uniformity in this Kirk, *&c.*

III. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries
care, that the Sacrament of the *Lord's Supp*
frequently adminiſtrate within their Bounds,
the Number of Miniſters to ſerve thereat be
ſo that Neighbouring Churches be not thereb
ſolate on the *Lord's-Day*, *Act* 19. *Aſſ.* 1701.

IV. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Miniſt
this National Church, to take as ſtrict a Tri
be of ſuch as they admit to the *Lord's Supper*,
before their firſt Admiſſion thereto, and that
ligently inſtruct them, particularly, as to the
of Grace, and the Nature and End of that
as a Seal thereof, and charge upon their Conſ
Obligations they ly under from their Baptiſm
nant, and ſeriouſly exhort them to renew the
11. *Aſſ.* 1706.

V. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to
they can to get it ſo ordered, that the Sacram

execute the ſaid Acts, and other Recommen
f Aſſemblies in this behalf, and to Record their
: in their Books, *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Lorn Presbytery.

E Miniſters from the Lowlands and as many
Synod of *Argyle*, are Commiſſionated to join
e Presbytery of *Lorn* to perambulate *Lochaber*,
r Pariſhes in the Bounds of the ſaid Presbytery,
ourſe with the Heritors and Inhabitants con-
iew Erections of Churches in that Country, and
nt of Schools therein, and to endeavour to get
ondeſcended on for that Effect, and to obtain in
Conſent of Heritors, and alſo for preaching the
viſiting Families, and doing other Miniſterial
n the ſaid Country, *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1712.

nds, ſee *Iriſh Burſars*, &c. *Act* 2.
y, ſee *Univerſities*, *Act* 5. *Declaration*,
3. *Act* 5. § 2. 6. *Act* 6, 7. *Exhortation*,
er *Head* 7. *Act* 5. &c. *Supplication*,
4.

Lykewakes.

.L Lykewakes are diſcharged, and Presbyteries
inted to take ſpecial care for trying and cen-
the Tranſgreſſors of that Act in their ſeveral
Seſ. 18. Feb. 12. *Aſſ.* 1645.

THE foreſaid Act 1645, againſt Lykewakes, as
e Act of the ſaid Aſſembly for reſtraining A-
: Penny-Bridals, which ſee in *P.* And like-
: Act of the General Aſſembly 1649, diſcharg-
miſcuous Dancing (which ſee in Dancing) are
, and the ſaid Acts appointed to be read in
es before the Congregation, and Synods to
at Presbyteries concerning their Diligence, anent
ſervation of the ſaid Acts; And its recommend-
resbyteries, to have their Thoughts upon what
may be neceſſary for ſuppreſſing and perventing
at ſuch Occaſions, and give their Opinion
there-

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Act 1.
M'neil, (*Mr.* John) see *Separatists*, *Act* 2.
Magistrates and their Duty, see *Prop* &c. § 8.
Maintenance of Ministers, see *Old M Stipends*, *Kirk*, *Act* 1.
Malicious Persons, see *Scandals*, &c.
Manses see *Gleibs*.
Marriage, see *Proclamation of Banns*, *tures*, *Act* 2. *Remedies of Sins*, and *Ecclesiastick Remedy* 3. *Clandestine age*. *Separatists*.

I. AN Overture, That Course may be take straining of People from passing to E marry, as being the Occasion of great Inconveni allowed, and recommended to the Parliamen they would appoint a pecunial Sum to be pare

ying with Papiſts, ſee *Papiſts*, *Act* 5.

Marrow of Modern Divinity.

s Paſſages are collected out of the Book, entitu- *Marrow of Modern Divinity*. 1*mo*. Concerning the of Faith, aſſerting, That Aſſurance is of the Eſ- Faith; making that ſaving Faith commanded Goſpel, a Man's Perſwaſion; That *Chriſt* is his, and r him; and that whoever hath not this Perſwa- d Aſſurance, hath not anſwered the Goſpel-call, a true Believer. 2*do*. Of univerſal Atonement and ; aſſerting an univerſal Redemption as to Pur- 3*tio*. Aſſerting that Holineſs is not neceſſary to on: Which Doctrine tends to ſlacken People's Di- in the Study of Holineſs. 4*to*. That Fear of Pu- nt and Hope of Reward, are not allowed to be s of a Believer's Obedience, 5*to*. That the Believer nder the Law as a Rule of Life; and ſenſing and ing the ſix following *Antinomian* Paradoxes; 1*mo*. a Believer is not under the Law, but is altogether ed from it. 2*do*. That a Believer doth not commit *tio*. That the Lord can ſee no Sin in a Believer. hat the Lord is not angry with a Believer for his 5*to*. That the Lord doth not chaſtiſe a Believer for . And 6*to*. That a Believer hath no Cauſe nei- confeſs his Sins, nor to crave Pardon at the Hand for them; neither to faſt nor mourn, nor humble before the Lord for them; by applying to them ſtinction of the Law of Works, and the Law of And the Texts of holy Scripture, Articles of our *of Faith*, and of the Larger Catechiſm of this h, relating to each Paſſage, are ſet down; and the ſſages and Quotations are declared contrary there- d the Diſtinction of the Law, as it is the Law of , and as it is the Law of *Chriſt*, as the Author ap- , in order to ſenſe and defend the ſix *Antinomian* oxes above written, is declared altogether ground- and ſome Expreſſions taken out of the ſaid Book, t down in the foreſaid Act, are found exceeding nd offenſive: And therefore, all the Miniſters of hurch are prohibited and diſcharged, either by ing, Writing or Printing, to recommend the ſaid or, in Diſcourſe to ſay any thing in favour of it: n the contrary, are enjoined and required, to warn thort their People in whoſe Hands the ſaid Books

was, or might come, not to read or uſe the ſame. *Act. Aſſ.* 1720.

Maſters, ſee *Lord's Day, Act* 1.

Maſters of Colleges, ſee *Schools, Act* 4.

Memorial, ſee *Grievances of the Church.*

Mercats.

I. An Overture for preventing the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, occaſioned by the holding of Markets within Burghs on *Monday* and *Saturday*; by recommending to the Burghs, to take care for reſtraining of this Abuſe, and find out ſome Way for repreſſing of this Evil, and changing of the Day; Is referred to the Conſideration of the Burrows, by *Seſſ.* 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18. *Aſſ.* 1690. *Act.* 14.

II. Application appointed to be made to the Parliament, for altering all Mercats in the Royal Burrows and other Places, on *Saturdays* and *Mondays*. *Act* 7, *Aſſ.* 1690, § 5.

Mearns, ſee *Angus and Mearns.*

Middlebee Preſbytery, ſee *Commiſſion of Aſſembly*, &c. *Act* 24.

Mills, ſee *Sabbath, Act* 2.

Miniſters, ſee *Reſidence of Miniſters, Preſbyteries, Act* 3. *Intrants, Expectants, Old Miniſters, Names of Miniſters, Ireland, Worſhip ſecret*, &c. *Worſhip publick, Silence of Miniſters, Excommunication, Act* 3. *Electing of Miniſters, Orders of the Church, Confeſſion of Faith, Act* 7, 8, 9. *Removing out of this Church, Sentences againſt Miniſters, Irregularities, Iriſh Language, Probationers, Widows, Papiſts, Act* 6, *Act* 8, § 3, 4. *Act* 11, 12, 15, 16.

The Act of Aſſembly holden at *Edinburgh, March* 1596, *Seſſ.* 7, anent the Entry and Converſation of Min-

ſters, ratified, and ordain'd to be put in Execution in every Presbytery; and for that End, Copies thereof ordered to be given to each Presbytery, under the Clerk's Hands, the Subſtance whereof is as follows: firſt, to prevent

Corruptions in the Office of the Miniſtry.

'Tis ordained, That in Time coming, more diligent Inquiſition and Trial be made of all ſuch Perſons as ſhall enter into the Miniſtry; as ſpecially theſe Points, 1*mo*. That the Intrant ſhall be poſed upon his Conſcience, before the Great GOD, and that in moſt grave Manner, what moveth him to accept of the Office and Charge of the Miniſtry upon him. 2*do*. That it be enquired, if any, by Solicitation or Moyen, directly or indirectly, preſs to enter to the ſaid Office; and if it be found, that the Soliciter be repelled, and that the Presbyteries repel all ſuch of their Number from voting in the Election or Admiſſion, as ſhall be found Moyeners for the Soliciter, and poſed upon their Conſcience to declare the Truth to that Effect. 3*tio*. 'Tis ordained, That none ſeek Preſentations to Benefices, without Advice of the Presbytery within the Bounds whereof the Benefice is: And if any do in the contrary, that they be repelled, as *Rei ambitus*: 4*to*. That the Trial of Perſons to be admitted to the Miniſtry thereafter, conſiſt not only in their Learning and Ability to preach; but alſo in Conſcience and Feeling, and ſpiritual Wiſdom; and namely in the Knowledge of the Bounds of their Calling, in Doctrine, Diſcipline, Wiſdom to behave himſelf accordingly with the divers Ranks of Perſons within his Flock; as namely, with Atheiſts, Rebellious, weak Conſciences, and ſuch other where the Paſtoral Charge is moſt kythed; and that he be meet to ſtop the Mouths of the Adverſaries; and ſuch as are not qualified in theſe Points, to be delayed till further Trial, and while they be found qualified: And 'tis recommended, that the principal Places of the Realm be provided by them, of moſt worthy Gifts Wiſdom and Experience; and that none take the Charge of greater Numbers of People, nor they are able to diſcharge; and an Act of the Provincial Synod of *Lothian*, made at *Linlithgow*, to this Purpoſe, is approven. 5*to*. That ſuch, as ſhall be found not given to their Book, and Study of the Scriptures, nor careful to have Books, nor given to Sanctification and Prayer; that ſtudy not to be powerful and

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rul in Administration of the Sacraments, and m
as Prophaners, receiving the Clean and Unclean,
rants and Senſleſs; prophane, and making no Co
of their Profeſſion in their Calling and Families;
ting due Trial, or uſing none, or light Trial;
Reſpect, in their Trial, to Perſons wherein there i
feſt Corruption: That all ſuch be ſharply rebuk
if they continue therein, that they be depoſed. 7
any be found a Seller of the Sacraments, that he
ſed *ſimpliciter*; and ſuch as collude with ſlander
ſons, in diſpenſing and overſeeing them for Mone
the like Puniſhment. 8*vo*. That every Miniſter
ged to have a Seſſion eſtabliſhed, of the meeteſt
his Congregation; and that Diſcipline ſtrike n
upon groſs Sins, as Whoredom and Bloodſhed; b
Sins repugnant to the Word of God, as Blaſph
God, Banning, Prophaning of the Sabbath, Di
to Parents, idle and unruly ones without Calling
kards, and ſuch like debauched Men, as make n
ſcience of their Life, and ruling of their Families
ſpecially, of Education of their Children; lyi
dering and backbiting, and breaking of Promiſ
this to be an univerſal Order throughout the Re
And ſuchlike as are negligent herein, and contin

Kirk; and ſicklike, interchanging of Beneanſaction, and tranſporting of themſelves, by on, without the Knowledge of the Kirk; prepuniſhed: Suchlike, That ſetting of Tacks, inſent of the Aſſembly, be puniſhed according ; and that the Dimitters in favours, for Morwiſe, to the Effect above written, be puniſhlapidators. *Secondly.* To prevent

s in the Perſons and Lives of Mi-

lained, 1*mo.* That ſuch as are light and wanBehaviour; as, in gorgeous and light Appach, in uſing light and prophane Company; aming, as Dancing, Carding, Dicing, and ot beſeeming the Gravity of a Paſtor, be gravely rebuked by the Presbytery, according e thereof; and continuing therein after due , that he be deprived, as ſlanderous to the *to.* That Miniſters being found Swearers or ophaners of the Sabbath, Drunkards, Fightf all theſe, or any of them, be depoſed *ſimpli*ſuchlike, Liars, Detracters, Flatterers, Breakiiſe, Brawlers and Quarrellers, after Admotinuing therein, incur the ſame Puniſhment. Miniſters, given to unlawful and incompetent Occupations, for filthy Gain, as holding of taking of Ocker beſide Conſcience and good earing worldly Offices in Noblemen and Genuſes, Merchandiſe, and ſuch like, buying of l keeping it to the Dearth; and all ſuch worldions, as may diſtract them from their Charge, ſlanderous to the Paſtoral Calling; be adand brought to the acknowledging of their if they continue therein, to be depoſed. 4*to.* ters non-reſident at their Flocks, be depoſed, o the Acts of the General Aſſembly, and Laws m; otherwiſe, that the Burden be laid on the , and they to be cenſured therefore. 5*to.* That wait not on the Court, and Affairs thereof, : Advice and Allowance of their Presbyteries; they intent no Action civil, without the ſaid cept in ſmall Matters; and that for remedying *ſtry that ſome* Miniſters have to enter in Plea

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said, and such as are found negligent in their Po
ter due Admonition, shall be judged unmeet *to g*
House of God. according to the Rule of the Apostle.
That Ministers in all Companies, strive to be
and profitable, and to talk of Things pertaining
liness; as namely, such as may strengthen them
instruct them in their Calling; of the Means how
Christ's Kingdom better established in their Con
ons. and to know how the Gospel flourisheth
Flocks; and suchlike others, the Hinderances
medies that they find, *&c.* wherein there are
Corruptions. both in Ministers companying wit
selves, and with others; and that the Contraveene
of be tried, and sharply rebuked. 8*avo.* That no
be found to countenance, procure, or assist a pub
fender, challenged by his own Minister for his pub
fence; or to bear with him, as though his Minist
too severe upon him, under the Pain of Admoni
Rebuking. And *Lastly*, That all Acts made ane
ing of the Assemblies, be observed. *Act Sess.* 2
Decem. 17 & 18, *Ass.* 1638, *Art.* 9.

II. A full Acknowledgment and Narration of
mities and Corruptions observed in the Minist
first and main Sin, reaching both to their person

bearing Company in untimeous Drinking. *6to.* Diſcountenancing and ſpeaking ill of the Godly. *7timo.* Not ſanctifying of the *Sabbath* after Sermons. *8vo.* Uſing ſmall minced Oaths. *9no.* Being great Strangers to, and little converſant in the Scriptures. Next,

In their Callings.

As, *1mo.* Corrupt Entry to the Miniſtry, and entring thereto, as to a Way of Living in the World, and not as to a Spiritual Calling. *2do,* Helping in, and holding in inſufficient and ſuſpected men; and keeping the Door ſtraiter upon theſe whom God hath ſealed than upon theſe who have leſs Evidence of the Power of Grace and Holineſs. *3tio.* Partiality in Favouring and ſpeaking for the Scandalous, whether Miniſters or others; teaching them how to ſhift and delay Cenſures. *4to.* A ſilence in the publick Cauſe. *5to.* Speaking ambiguouſly, and juſtifying of the wicked Cauſe; complaining of the Times upon the publick Account, and ſpeaking againſt publick Orders. *6to.* Idleneſs in the Duties of their Miniſtry. *7timo.* Want of Zeal and Love to the Converſion of Souls; preaching *ex officio*, not *ex conſcientia officii.* *8vo.* Self-ſeeking in preaching. *9no.* Lifeleſſneſs in Preaching, not applying the Doctrine to the Auditory and Times, *10mo.* Indiſcreet Curing of the Indiſcretion of pious People and Miniſters. *11mo.* Little Care to furniſh the Armies, both at Home and Abroad, with Miniſters. *12mo.* Neglect of ſecret Wreſtling in Prayer, for a Bleſſing on their Labours.

THESE Enormities are ordained to be tried and reſtrained; and for that Purpoſe, the Remedies following to be ſeriouſly followed and practiſed: And 'tis recommended, eſpecially to Presbyteries and Provincial Aſſemblies, to make uſe of the ſame, in Viſitation of Kirks, and Trial of Presbyteries,

Remedies of the Enormities and Corruptions of Miniſters.

1mo. THAT Presbyteries make great Conſcience to have all vacant Places within their ſeveral Bounds, fill'd with godly and able Men, wherever they be to be found; and that, under Pretence of being an Helper or

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being removed) be call'd in, and examined upon C
upon the Miniſter's Behaviour in his Calling and Co
ſation. 4to. That Courſe be taken to divide Cong
tions in Parts; and by the Help, not only of Eld
their ſeveral Parts, but of Neighbours alſo, the Evil
Negleſts of Perſons and Families may be found out,
remeaded. 5to. That every Miniſter be humbled fo
former Failings, and make his Peace with God; tha
more effectually he may preach Repentance, and
ſtand in the Gap, to turn away the Lord's Wrath,
ning betwixt the Porch and the Altar, ſighing and c
for all the Abominations of the Land. 6to. That ſp
Care be had, that all Miniſters have their Converſ
in Heaven, mainly minding the Things of God; an
erciſing Faith, for drawing Life out of *Jeſus Chriſt*,
Fountain of Life; arming themſelves thereby with
er againſt the Contagion and Wickedneſs of the W
7timo. That Care be had of godly Conference in Pr
teries, even in the Time of their Refreſhment: An
Moderator is to look to it, that good Matter be furn
thereto. 8avo. That every Miniſter bring Home the
of God to his own Heart and Conſcience, by Praye
Meditation, both before and after the publick Ordi
9no. That uſe be made of the Roll of the Pariſh

; it in others. 12*mo*. That all Miniſters be careful iſh the ſmoaking Flax of weak Beginnings in the f God, and couragiouſly oppoſe all Mockers, and s of the Godly. 13*tio*. That Miniſters, with all ce and Faithfulneſs, improve their Miniſtry to the ; be inſtant in Seaſon and out of Seaſon, and fru- nploy their Time in private, in reading of, and tion on the Scriptures, that the Word of God ell plentifully in them. 14*to*. That providing Army with Miniſters, be preferred to any Con- on, and that thoſe who are appointed to attend e, and are deficient, be without delay ſeverely , according to the *Act Seſſ.* 6. June 3. *Anno* 1644. at all Miniſters in publick and private pray for nies, that their Lives being reformed, their and Hands may be ſtrengthned, and their Un- gs at laſt bleſſed of God with Succeſs. 15*to*. beſides all other Scandals, ſilence or ambiguous in the publick Cauſe, much more detracting and ed ſpeaking be ſeaſonably cenſured; and to this that honeſt hearted Brethren do firmly unite ves in the Lord, the younger honouring the el- d the elder not deſpiſing the younger. 16*to*. Both ruptions of the Miniſtry, and Remedies thereof, n are referred to the forementioned Act of Aſſem- 6, revived, as ſaid is, by the Act 1638, above in- ee *Seſſ.* 10 June 13. *Anno* 1646.

It's recommended to all the Presbyteries of this h, to proceed in all Proceſſes againſt Miniſters ll due Circumſpection and Prudence, and that onſult their reſpective Synods, or in caſe of urgent ity, the Commiſſion of the Aſſembly, and it is re- , that no Judicatory of the Church do take Ad- e to Cenſure any Miniſter whatſoever for not qualified himſelf in the Terms of the Act of ment 1693. Entituled, *Act for ſettling the Peace and of the Church*, *Act* 12. *Anno* 1694. *Nota*, This Act nly to endure till the ſecond *Wedneſday* of *April* or the Meeting of the next Aſſembly, which of firſt happened.

MINISTERS are not liable to the Cenſures of Seſſions, but to the Superior Judicatories of the ch. *From Proc. Cap.* 1. § 7. *Act* 11. *Anno* 1707.

ALL Proceſſes againſt any Miniſter are to begin his *Presbytery*, and not before his own Seſſion.

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Form Prot. Cap. 7. § 1. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. No Stai
a Miniſter's Credit and Reputation, Doctrine or
verſation, ought lightly to be received, or negligen
quired into when it comes before a Judicatory, nor
ly cenſured when found evident, *Ibid.* § 2. The
bytery ſhould exactly ponder by whoſe Informatio
Complaint a Scandal in a Miniſter comes firſt
them, and they are not to cite a Miniſter, or an
to begin the Proceſs, until firſt ſome Perſon ſig
Complaint, and give ſome Account of its Probi
and undertake to make out the Libel; Or, *a*
2*do*, Do, before the Presbytery, undertake to maki
under the pain of being cenſured as Slanderers
3*tio*, That the *Fama Clamoſa* be ſo great, that the Pr
tery for their own Vindication, begin the Proceſs
out any particular Accuſer, *Ibid.* § 3. No Chri
ought either to publiſh, or ſpread a Scandal in a
ſter, nor accuſe him before the Presbytery, withou
acquainting himſelf, if they can have acceſs tha
and then, if need be, ſome of the moſt prudent o
Miniſters and Elders of that Presbytery, their A
got in the Affair, *Ibid.* § 4. If there be Groun
a Proceſs, the Presbytery ſhould firſt conſide
Libel, and then order him to be cited, and get
Copy thereof, with a Liſt of the Witneſſes N
and a formal Citation in writ is to be made, eithe
ſonally, or at his Dwelling-houſe, bearing its
and the Names of the Witneſſes to the giving th
and there ſhould be at leaſt ten free Days betwix
giving of the Citation, and the Day of Compe
the Execution bearing its Date with the Names an
ſignations of the Witneſſes ſhould be made in
and ſigned by the Officer and Witneſſes; and th
being returned, the Miniſter is to be called, an
compear, the Libel is to be read to him, an
have any Anſwers to it in Writing, they may
and conſidered; and if the Presbytery find the
relevant, and that there is Cauſe to inſiſt, t
to endeavour to bring him to a Confeſſion, an
confeſs Matters of a ſcandalous Nature cenſur
others, the Presbytery, whatever be the Natur
Penitence, tho' to the Conviction of all, are
to depoſe him *ab officio*, and appoint him to
before the Congregation where the Scandal wa
and in his own Pariſh, for removing the Offen

publick Profeſſion of Repentence, *Ibid.* § 5. If the Miniſter abſent himſelf, by leaving of the Place, and be Contumacious without a relevant Excuſe after a new publick Citation, or Intimation at his own Church, when the Congregation is met, he is to be holden as Confeſt, and to be depoſed and cenſured *inſtanter* with the Leſſer Excommunication; but if after ſome Time he do not return and Subject himſelf, he may be proceeded againſt, until he be cenſured with the Greater Excommunication, if the Judicatures ſee Cauſe, *Ibid.* § 6. If he appear and deny the Fact after the Relevancy is found, the Presbytery proceeding to Probation, and to find the Truth of the Matter, all the Circumſtances are to be exactly canvaſſed, and the accuſed heard to object againſt the Witneſſes: As alſo, he ſhould be allowed to be preſent at the Examination, and modeſtly to Croſs-interrogate, and then the Reputation of the Witneſſes, and their Liability duly regarded, and the Examination conſidered: If after Conſideration of all theſe, the Judicatures ſhall find the Scandal ſufficiently proven, they are to proceed to Cenſure, as in § 5. above *Ibid.* § 7. If the Matter laid to the Miniſter's charge be Practices ſubverſive of the Unity and Peace of the Church, Unſoundneſs and Heterodoxy in Doctrine, then great Caution would be uſed, and the Knowledge and Underſtanding of the Witneſſes much look'd into, and if the Errors be not groſs and ſtricking at the Vitals of Religion, or, if they be not pertinaciouſly ſtuck unto, or induſtriouſly ſpread with a viſible Deſign to corrupt, and that the Errors are not ſpreading among the People; then Lenitives, Admonitions, Inſtructions, and frequent Conferences are to be tried, and the Advice of other Presbyteries ſought, and unleſs the Thing be doing much hurt, ſo as it admits of no delay, the Synod or General Aſſembly may be adviſed with, and this intimate to the Miniſter concerned. *Ibid.* § 8. If the Complaint be of a Multitude of ſmaller Things laid together, as ſeveral Acts of Negligence, or other unſuitable Actions, a Viſitation of the Pariſh is to be made, at which its firſt to be tried, if any of the Things now charged, were committed prior to the laſt Viſitation, and if they were then laid to the Miniſters charge, and if they were not, it is to be tried, how they come to be laid to his Charge *now*, *Ibid.* § 9. If the Presbytery find the Things

merit a publick and ſolemn Trial, and accordi
are to judge, *Ibid.* § 10, 11. If the Presbytery
Things complained of to be but Acts of Infi
Paſſion, whi h may either be amended, and th
ſatisfyed, and no ſuch Offience taken; or at le
to remain, ſo as to hinder the Miniſter's pro
People, or that the Offence was taken by
People only, or mainly; then the Presbytery i
all prudent Ways to ſatisfy and reclaim both
and People, and do away the Offence, *Ibid.* §
fore a depoſed Miniſter be reſtored, there wou
only convincing Evidences, of deep Sorrow for
an eminent, and exemplary humble Walk, a
ing Converſation, ſo apparent and convincing,
worn out, and healed the Wound the Scan
Ibid. § 13. Immediately on the Miniſter's being
the Sentence is to be intimated in the Cong
and the Church declared vacant, and the plant
of haſtned, and never delayed on Expectati
being reponed, *Ibid.* § 14.

VI. The ſeveral Synods and Presbyteries are
ed, to ſend Accounts from Time to Time, to
of the Aſſembly, of all Miniſters, who are, o
depoſed, or ſuſpended, and Probationers,

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o, to be founded upon the Word of God? And
icknowledge the ſame as the Confeſſion of your
nd will you firmly and conſtantly adhere there-
o the utmoſt of your Power aſſert, maintain,
id the ſame, and the Purity of Worſhip as pre-
actiſed in this National Church, and aſſerted in
.ct of Aſſembly 1707, which ſee in *Innovations in*
3*tio*, Do you diſown all *Popiſh*, *Arrian*, *Soci-*
nian, *Bourignian*, and other Doctrines, Te-
d Opinions whatſoever, contrary to, and in-
t with the foreſaid Confeſſion of Faith? 4*to*,
perſwaded, that the Presbyterian Government
cipline of this Church are founded upon the
f God, and agreeable thereto? And do you
to ſubmit to the ſaid Government and Diſ-
ind toconcur with the ſame, and never endeavour
nor indirectly the Prejudice or Subverſion there-
to the utmoſt of your Power, in your Station,
itain, ſupport and defend the ſaid Diſcipline
sbyterian Government by Kirk-Seſſions, Preſ-
, Provincial Synods, and General Aſſemblies du-
the Days of your Life? 5*to*, Do you promiſe
nit your ſelf willingly and humbly in the
f Meekneſs, unto the Admonitions of the Bre-
f this Presbytery, and to be Subject to them,
other Presbyteries and ſuperior Judicatures of
urch, where God in his Providence ſhall caſt
ot, and that according to your Power you ſhall
n the Unity and Peace of this Church againſt Er-
Schiſm, notwithſtanding of whatſoever Trouble
ecution may ariſe, and that you ſhall follow no
Courſes from the preſent eſtabliſhed Doctrine,
p, Diſcipline, and Government of this Church?
e not Zeal for the Honour of God, Love to Je-
iſt, and deſire of ſaving Souls, your great Mo-
and chief Inducements to enter into the Function
holy Miniſtry, and not worldly Deſigns and In-
7*mo*, Have you uſed any undue Methods, ei-
your ſelf or others, in procuring this Call? 8*vo*,
ou engage, in the Strength of Jeſus Chriſt our
and Maſter, to rule well your own Family, to
oly and circumſpect Life, and faithfully, diligently
earfully to diſcharge all the Parts of the Miniſterial
to the Edification of the Body of Chriſt? 9*no*,
u accept of, and cloſe with the Call, to be Paſtor

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then declare, &c. (*here the Questions put to Minister in Ordination, which see* supra, *are to be repeated*; *and* And do you not now consent and adhere to the rations, Promises and Engagements? And accept close with the Call to be Minister of this Pariſ promiſe, through Grace, to perform all the Du faithful Miniſter of the Goſpel among this Peop

Miniſters Admiſſion, ſee *Expectan*

I. That none be admitted to the Miniſtry, bef be Twenty five Years of Age; except ſuch as, for singular Qualities, ſhall be judged, by the General vincial Aſſembly, to be meet and worthy there the Act, made in the Aſſembly holden at St. *April* 24, 1582. *Seſſ.* 7, to that Purpoſe, is ren *Seſſ.* 23 & 24 Decem. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 1 again, by *Act* 10, *Aſſ.* 1704, (which ſee in *Trial of*

II. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyte Provincial Aſſemblies, to conſider the Intereſt of lar Congregations, in the Calling and Admiſſio niſters, with all theſe Queſtions that uſually fall o that Occaſion; And to report Overtures. *Act* June 18, *Aſſ.* 1646.

iſters depoſed, ſee *Depoſed Miniſters, Ex-*
mmunication, &c. *Act* 1, 3.
iſters Duty, ſee *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 1, 2, 3.
iſters Proviſions, ſee *Burghs*, *Act* 2. *Old*
liniſters, *Stipends*, *Kirks*, *Act* 1.
iſters of Regiments, ſee *Papiſts*, *Act* 3,
6. Army.
iſters Trials, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, 2.
nd there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 2,
c. *Expectants.*

THAT all Miniſters or Intrants preſented to Kirks,
ied before their Admiſſion, if they be qualified for
Places to which they are preſented; beſide the ordi-
Trial of Expectants before their Entry to the Mi-
y. *Act Seſſ.* 22, Aug. 29, *Aſſ.* 1639, *Art. ult.*

THE Meaning of the foreſaid Act is declared not
; That an actual Miniſter to be tranſported, ſhall be
again by the Trials appointed for the Trial of Ex-
nts, at their Entry to the Miniſtry, according to the
of the Kirk; but only, That he bringing a Teſti-
al of his former Trials, and of his Abilities and
verſation, from the Presbytery from whence he comes,
giving ſuch Satisfaction to the Pariſhioners and Pref-
ry whereto he comes, in Preaching, as the Presbytery
his Gifts fit, and anſwerable for the Condition and
oſition of the Congregation whereto he is preſented:
uſe, according to the Act of Aſſembly 1596, renewed
Glaſgow, *Seſſ.* 23 & 24, Decem. 18 & 19. *Anno* 1638,
9. (which ſee in *Miniſters*) ſome that are meet for the
iſtry in ſome Places, are not meet for all alike: And
verſities, Town and Burghs, and Places of Noblemens
dence, or Frequency of *Papiſts*, and other great and
ient Congregations, and ſundry other Caſes, require
of greater Abilities, nor will be required neceſſarily
ie planting of a private ſmall Pariſh: The leaving of
Conſideration of theſe Places unto the Judgment and
ſideration of the Presbytery, was the only Intention
he Act. And the ſaid Act, according to the foreſaid

Mean-

Meaning, is ratified and approven, *Act Sess. 6, Aug. Ass.* 1642.

Ministry, see *Expectants, Intrants to the Ministry.*

THAT for the better breeding of young Men to the Ministry, who are not able to furnish themselves in Charges to attend the Universities, the Presbyteries where they reside, are to appoint some to direct their Studies, &c. *ult.* June 18, *Ass.* 1646.

Ministerial Visitations, see *Visitations Ministerial.*

Minutes of the Assembly, see *Ordering the Assembly-house, Art.* 5.

Moderator, see *Ordering of the Assembly-house, Art.* 3. *Provincial Assemblies, Act* 2. *Presbyteries.*

MR. *John Law*, Moderator to the Assembly 1694, continued till the *Friday* next, after Sitting down of the General Assembly 1695, by Act 2 of that Assembly.

Money, see *North, Act* 11, 14. *Probationers, Act* 6. *Publick Money.*

Monuments, see *Burial in Kirks. Idolatrous Monuments.*

Mortifications, see *Visitations Presbyterial, &c. Act* 2. *Stipends, Act* 2.

Munday's Mercats, see *Mercats.*

Murder, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness, &c. Ministers, Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 8.

Names

N.

Names of Ministers.

LL and every one prohibited and discharged, to pre-
tend or use the Names of Ministers, to any Petition,
aration or such like, at any Time thereafter, with-
their Knowledge, Consent or Assistance; otherwise,
proceeded against with the Censures of the Kirk.
Sess. 11, Aug. 5, *Ass.* 1642.

rative, see *Father.*
tional Covenant, see *Confession of Faith,*
Act 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. *Covenant, Act* 1, 4, 5.
rative Oaths, see *Declaration, Act* 4.
rative Voice, see *Kirk-Sessions, Act* 1.
ligence, see *Ministers.*
berlands, see *Letter, Head* 6.
e-Testaments in Irish, see *Bibles,* &c. § 1.
lemens Residence, see *Transplantation,*
c. *Act* 1, § 4.
e-Communicants, see *Papists, Act* 1, 3,
fine. *Act* 4, in princip. *Penalties.*
e-residence, see *Ministers, Act* 1, and there,
orruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 4.
orth, see *Supplies. Instructions, Act* 1.

SIXTEEN Ministers, particularly named from the
ds in the *South*, mentioned in the Act, are appointed
to the Synods in the *North*, therein expressed, and
ly Vacancies for three Months; and after them, other-
n, according to the Proportions set down in the said
for the like Time: And so forth quarterly, by turns,
the next Assembly. *Act* 14, *Ass.* 1694.

SOME Ministers and Elders, appointed as a Com-
e for the North-side of *Ty*, to determine in all Re-

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mously ratified and approven. *Act* 17, *Ass.* 1

IV. SOME Overtures are agreed to, for the pedite planting of the *North*, and declared to scended to, only for the present Exigent, and to cedent for After-times: Which are to be seen *Act* 12, *Ass.* 1696.

V. FORTY four Ministers are nominated a ed to go from the Presbyteries in the *South*, fo ply of the *North*, the one Half after the other *Act* 15, *Ass.* 1696.

VI. THE ordinary Supplies for the *North* to continue till the next Assembly, conform t said 14 *Act*, *Ass.* 1694. And 'tis recommend byteries and Synods, that the same be mad These named, and formerly appointed to b the several Presbyteries by way of Mission, b sustained as a Part of the said Supply: But the of *Perth* is exeemed, in their present Circumst Supplies to the *North*, *Act* 25, *Ass.* 1696.

VII. THESE who had not obeyed the fo 1696, are appointed to fulfil their Mission. 1697.

VIII. The Synods be-south *Tay* are ordained the *North* eighteen Ministers, according to the P

IX. THAT when any Pariſh on the North-ſide of *Tay*, or of the Town and Presbytery of *Perth*, and Preſbyteries of *Auchterarder* and *Dunkeld*, ſhall call a Miniſter belonging to any Pariſh on the South-ſide of *Tay*; the Procedure in his Tranſportation ſhall be according to the Overtures of the foreſaid *Act* 12, *Aſſ.* 1696. And Presbyteries on the South-ſide of *Tay* are appointed to ſend to the *North* a Number of Probationers, equal to that of the Miniſters they are ordered to ſend, by the foreſaid *Act* 14, *Aſſ.* 1697; And the Time of their ſtaying there, and the Work of the Miniſters ſent *North*, is preſcribed: Directions are given for the ſpeedy planting of the *North*, both to the People in the *North*, and the Commiſſion of Aſſembly. And Presbyteries are deſired to proceed deliberately with any of the late conform Miniſters, either as to their Cenſure or Reception; and that as to the Laſt, they follow the Directions in the 11 *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1694. Which ſee in *Inſtructions*, *Act* 16, *Aſſ.* 1697.

X. DEFICIENTS in ſupplying the *North* are appointed to fulfil their Miſſions, conform to the *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1696, *Act* 7, *Aſſ.* 1698.

XI. THAT Twelve Miniſters be tranſported from the *South* to the Provinces of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen* and *Murray*, and Pariſhes thereof mentioned in the Act: And Directions are given to the Presbyteries in the ſaid Provinces, for the ſpeedy ſettling of their Pariſhes; and ſeveral Cautions are given them as to their Procedure. Twenty Probationers are alſo ordered to the Places in the *North* expreſs'd in the Act; and 100 Merks, out of the King's Gift to the Church, is allowed to defray their Charges; 100 Merks to theſe who go to *Orkney*: And they are ordered to go when ſent, or loſe their Licences. The Supplies granted by *Act* 14, *Aſſ.* 1697, are continued and proportioned. The Commiſſion of this Aſſembly is impowered to divide themſelves into Committees: And theſe Committees are authorized to viſit the Bounds they are appointed to, receive Complaints from Presbyteries, redreſs Grievances, inflict Cenſures *&c.* in conjunction with the Presbyteries. *Act* 8, *Aſſ.* 1698.

XII. THE Synods be-ſouth *Tay* are appointed to ſend fifteen Miniſters to the Bounds of the Synods in the *North*, every four Months, according to the Proportions mentioned in the Act; That their Presbyteries do ſupply their Kirks during *their Abſence*; and that the Miniſters ſent *do catechiſe, and do all* appointed by former Acts of Aſ-

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preſs'd in the Act. And other twenty Probat ordered *North*, according to the Proportions, a Time mentioned in the Act: And theſe who g *Auchtera der* and *Dunkeld*, are allowed 40 *lib.* eac *gus*, 50 *lib.* to *Aberdeen*, 100 Merks; to *Mur* to *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, 100 *lib.* and to Merks; out of the King's Gift. Directions ar them, with reſpect to their Settlement. Ele Miniſters are ordered to be ſent *North*, each Months, and ſubjected to Tranſportation, as &c. But 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, n uſe of the *Jus devolutum*, till all other Means *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1699.

XV. THE Brethren that ſhall go *North* upon ſions, are exeemed from going in Supplies to when it comes to their Turn: And their Chur pointed to be ſupplied during their Abſence. 1700.

XVI. NINE actual Miniſters are ſent, for the *North*, each four Months, till the next according to the Proportions mentioned in th eighteen Probationers, in the ſame Terms, an ſame Encouragements that the twenty Proba which were ſent by the *Act.* 1690. *Act* 21 *Act.*

K. THE above-mentioned Act 24. General Assembly declared to stand still in full Force; and it's refer- the Commission to see to the Observation there- 27. *Ass.* 1701.

ACT concerning the planting of vacant Churches North, the Highlands and Islands, and supply- hereof with Ministers and Probationers, and pro- ng Religion and the Kingdom of God in these , which contains particular Instructions to the mission for supplying Vacancies, and planting Pa- and appoints the Commission to encourage the ng Schools and Libraries in the Highlands, *Act* 9. 703.

th-Isles Presbytery, see *Orkney.*

vations, see *Ordering the Assembly-House, ct* 4. *Acts of Assembly, Act* 5. *Innovations Worship.*

THAT no Novations, which may disturb the of the Church, and make Division, be sud- proponed and enacted, but so as the motion irst communicated to the several Synods, Pres- ies, and Kirks, that the Matter may be approved ll at home, and Commissioners may come well pre- unanimously to conclude a solid Deliberation these Points in the General Assembly, *Act* 13. 1639.

THAT according to the foresaid Act of Assem- at *Edinburgh* 1639. and at *Aberdeen* 1640 (which see *dering the Assembly-House*) no Novation in Doctrine, ship, or Government, be brought in, or practised his Kirk, unless it be first propounded, examined allowed in the General Assembly, and that the ssgressors in this Kind be censured by Presbyteries Synods, *Act* 14. *Sess.* 14. Aug. 6. *Ass.* 1641.

I. THE Acts of former Assemblies made anent No- ns, are revived, and particularly the foresaid two , *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1695.

. 'TIS enacted, That before any General Assem- of this Church shall pass any Acts which are to inding Rules and Constitutions to the Church, the Acts be *first* proposed as Overtures to the As-

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I. FOR eviting of contrary Oaths, Synod teries and Sessions are discharged to Oaths of both Parties, in all Time thereafter, of Adulteries, Fornications, and other Faults dals; but all other Order and Ways of T in such Cases are recommended to them, and may be a common Order and Course kept in of trying publick Scandals, Presbyteries are to advise upon some common Order thereinti report their Judgments to the then next Asse *Ses.* 11. Aug. 5. *Ass.* 1642.

II. His Majesty having immediately upo cession to the Crown, in pursuance of the 1707, which is made a Part of the Acts of t ments of both Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *Engla* ing the Treaty of Union. in Presence of his Pr cil, by his solemn Oath, faithfully promised a according to the Form used by the Law of That he shall inviolably maintain and preserv tlement of the true Protestant Religion wit vernment, Worship, Discipline, Rights and Pr the Church of *Scotland*, as established by the L

of Abjuration, ſee *Abjuration Oath.*
of Purgation, ſee *Purgation Oath.*
ments by Burſars, ſee *Burſars.*
r, ſee *Miniſters*, and there, *Corruptions in ir Perſons and Lives*, § 3.
aders, ſee *Miniſters*, *Ibid.* § 6, 8.
ers in the Church, ſee *Congregation*,
es Civil, ſee *Places Civil.*

Old Miniſters.

AT Old Miniſters and Profeſſors of Divinity ſhall by their Dimiſſion of, or Ceſſation from their ge thro' Age and Inability, be put from enjoying old Maintenance and Dignity, *Act Sef.* 5. July 30. 641.

ions, ſee *Atheiſtical Opinions.*
ers of the Kirk, ſee *Irregularities.*

Ordering of the Aſſembly-Houſe.

a Order in the Aſſembly-Houſe in all time there- it is appointed. 1mo, That the Commiſſioners gether unmixed, and that the Places where they railed about, or ſome other way divided from ats of others, and that Places be provided with- e Bounds of the Commiſſioners Seats to Perſons ſpect, who are not Commiſſioners, and others, ac- g to their Qualities, as the Magiſtrates of the ſhall think moſt convenient. 2do, Alſo, that the aiſſioners having received Tickets from the Magi- of the Burgh, at the Delivery of their Commiſ- whereby they may have ready Acceſs to the Aſ- -Houſe, and Place appointed for them, do he Hour of Meeting preciſely, and whoſoever after the Time, or ſhall be found abſent at lling of the Rolls, is to be cenſured, as the bly ſees *fitting*; And that whatſoever Preſ- , Burgh, or Univerſity ſhall not ſend Commiſ-

ſioners, or Commiſſioners ſent from them, do not come at all to the Aſſembly, be ſummoned to the next Aſſembly and cenſured, as the Aſſembly ſhall find reaſonable. 3*tio*, That four Perſons of Reſpect have Warrant from the Aſſembly to enjoin, that there be no Standing nor Din, nor diſorderly Behaviour; and if any ſhall diſobey them, or direct his Speech to any except to the Moderator, and that one at once, with leave firſt asked and given, that he be rebuked publickly by the Moderator; and if he deſiſt not, be removed out of the Aſſembly for that Seſſion. 4*to*, That no Motion come in into the Aſſembly, but by the Committee appointed for Matters of that Nature; and if the Commitee refuſe to anſwer the ſame, that it be propoſed to the Aſſembly, with the Reaſons thereof. 5*to*, That the Minutes of ilk Seſſion be read before the riſing; and if the Matter concern the whole Kirk, that it be drawn up in Form, and read in the Beginning of the next enſuing Seſſion, that the Aſſembly may Judge whether or not it be according to their Mind. *Act Seſ.* 2. July 29. 1640. *Nota*, Now, by immemorial Cuſtom, the Minutes of each Sederunt are only once read at the Beginning of the next following Sederunt, except the Minutes of the laſt Sederunt of the Aſſembly, which are read immediately before the Diſſolution thereof.

II. THE foreſaid Act Aſſembly at *Aberdeen* 1640. for ordering the Houſe of the Aſſembly, is ordained to be kept thereafter punctually, and for that Effect, the ſame is to be read the firſt Seſſion of every Aſſembly. *Act Seſ.* 13. Aug. *Aſſ.* 1642.

Ordinances.

THAT People be obliged to frequent Ordinances in the ordinary Diets and Places is referred as an Overture to Presbyteries, by *Seſ.* 23. 24. Dec. 17, 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 11.

Ordination of Miniſters, ſee *Licenſing, Officers of the Church.*

I. THE Book of Conſecration is rejected and condemned, as eſtabliſhing Offices in God's Houſe which are not warranted by the Word of God, and are repugnant to the Conſtitutions of our Kirk, as an Impo-

to the Entry of fit and worthy Men to the Mi-
and to the Discharge of their Duty after their
conform to the Discipline of our Kirk, and the
d Practice of the same is prohibited, and Presby-
e ordained to proceed with the Censures of the
against all such as shall transgress, *Act Ses.* 14. Dec. 6.
538.

THE Propositions concerning the Officers, Assem-
d Government of the Kirk, and concerning the
ation of Ministers, being the Results of the long
earned Debates of the Assembly of Divines at
nster, and of the Treaty of Uniformity, with the
missioners of this Kirk residing at *London*, are
to, and approven; and the Commissioners of the
bly are authorised to agree to, and conclude in
same of the Assembly, an Uniformity betwixt
irks in both Kingdoms, in the aforementioned
ulars, so soon as the same should be ratified, with-
ny substantial Alteration, by an Ordinance of
arliament of *England*; which Ratification is to be
usly intimated and made known by the Commis-
s of this Kirk residing at *London*: But it's pro-
That that Act be nowise prejudicial to the
r Discussion and Examination of that Article,
holds forth, that the Doctor and Teacher hath
r of the Administration of the Sacraments, as well
Pastor: As also of the distinct Rights and In-
of Presbyteries and People in the calling of Mini-
but that it shall be free to debate and discuss
Points, as God shall be pleased to give further
, *Act Ses.* 16. Feb. 10. *Ass.* 1645.

THE Assembly unanimously declares, That as they
no Power in the People, but only in the Pastors
e Church, to appoint or ordain Church Officers;
y disclaim the Error of the Press, in *Acts* vi. Ver.
any such be found in Bibles printed in this Na-
bearing, *Whom ye may appoint over this Business* in
of *whom we may appoint*, and do declare, they do
wn any other Reading of that Text to be accord-
o the Original, *but whom we may appoint*, &c. nor do
know, nor can learn, that ever any in this Nation
ublickly use or apply that Text to prove the
es Power in ordaining their Ministers; which Er-
ie Presbyterians (particularly these of *Scotland* are
gously charged with by *Thomas Gibbs* Rector of Bur-

ry,

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THE Act of Aſſembly, *April* 11. 1706, concer
more convenient Meeting, and greater Eaſe of th
of *Caithneſs*, *Orkney* and *Zetland* is ratified, without
ing the Presbyteries of *Zetland* or *Caithneſs*, or a
the Presbytery of *Sutherland* thereto, and the Pr
of *Orkney* is divided in two, and the Miniſters of
riſhes in the Main-Land and South-Iſles, with a
Elder for each Miniſter, are erected in one Presby
be called the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, and to mee
dinary at *Kirkwall*. And the Miniſters of North-I
Rouſay, *Eagleſbay*, *Weſtray* and *Papay*, *North-Ronaldſh*
day, *Edday* and *Stronſay*, and *Sharpinſhay*, with a
Elder for each Miniſter, in another Presbytery
called, *The Presbytery of North-Iſlands*, and to meet
nary in the Iſle of *Edday*. And in weighty Caſe
the Miniſters of *Kirkwall*, and the Miniſters of
Dearneſs are appointed to meet and correſpond
Presbytery of *North-Iſles*; And the Presbytery of
Kirkwall, the North-Iſles and *Zetland*, to bri
Books yearly to be reviſed by the Synod of *Orkney*,
Brethren of the Presbytery of *Zetland* are appointe
the ſaid Synod by turns, and to bear equal B
publick Matters, and the Synods of *Roſs* and *O*
appointed to keep a mutual Correſpondence, as

y Presbytery, ſee *Caithneſs, Zetland.*
ns, ſee *Widows.*
ures, ſee *Grammar*, &c. *Burial in*
ks, Act 1. *Diſcipline, Acts of Aſſembly,*
3, 5. *Papiſts, Act* 1, 7. *Novations, Act*
7. *Probationers, Act* 2. *Viſitations, Act* 1.

Overtured by way of Querie, how Appeals ſhall be
tinto General Aſſemblies, and by what ſort of Ci
What ſhall be the Preſcription of Scandals? With-
Space of Time ſhall they be challenged, whether
ee Years, the Miniſter having been allowed in
Doctrine, by Synods, Presbyteries, and Viſita-
What Order ſhall be taken for keeping General
ies, when Presbyteries ſend not the full Number
miſſioners or when the Commiſſioners abide
the Concluſion and Diſſolution of the Aſſem-
rder to be adviſed for Teſtimonial? Theſe
:s are appointed to be adviſed by Presbyteries,
:he then next Aſſembly, *Seſ.* 13. Aug. 6. *Aſſ.*

A Overture that all Promiſes of Marriage made
ers without Conſent of their Parents to Wo-
:h whom they have committed Fornication, be
ll and of none Effect, is referred to the Con-
n of the ſeveral Presbyteries, and they to Re-
:ir Judgment to the Aſſembly, *Seſ.* 7. June 4.
4.

ACT tranſmitting three Overtures, *viz.* Two
Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, and their
ing the *Confeſſion of Faith*, and one anent Cita-
Caſes of Tranſportation of Miniſters former-
mitted by General Aſſembly 1700, are again
ted to Presbyteries for their Opinions, *Act* 4.
1.

ACT tranſmitting Overtures concerning Schools
rſaries, and for inſtructing Youth in the Princi-
Religion, to Presbyteries for their Opinions, *Act*
1704.

RECOMMENDED to all Presbyteries within this
al Church in their Inſtructions to their Com-
ers, carefully to diſtinguiſh betwixt what they

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VI. SOME Overtures about trying and licen
bationers for the Holy Miniſtry, are tranſmitt
ſeveral Presbyteries, and the Obſervation ther
joined until the next Aſſembly, *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 171c
VII. SOME Overtures for regulating the
Miniſters, are tranſmitted to Presbyteries, b
Aſſ. 1710.

P.

Paganiſh Cuſtoms, ſee *Libraries, Act*
Pamphlets, *Books, Books Erroneous.*
Papers, ſee *Engagement in War*, &c.
Papiſts and Papiſtry, ſee *Confeſſion of Act* 5.

I. AN Overture for taking the Number and
all *Papiſts* in the Kingdom, that it migh
what Growth *Popery* hath had, and has, and w
Prieſts and *Jeſuites* there are in the Land, and tha
ſons, of whatſoever State or Condition, be obliged
and ſubſcribe the *Confeſſion of Faith*, as then co
ed on by the General Aſſembly, and that they

'Tis appointed, 1*mo*, That the Assembly Sup- : the Council for the due Execution of the Acts of ment and Council against *Papists*; and craving he Exchequer might be the Intrometters with the of those who are excommunicated, and that from Exchequer the Presbytery may receive the Portion e confiscated Goods, which the Law appoints to ployed *ad pios usus*. 2*do*, That every Presbytery en all known *Papists* in their Bounds, and require to put out of their Company all Friends and Ser- who are *Popish* within a Month, also within the Space to give their Children, Sons and Daughters, are above seven Years old, to be educated at their ges, by such of their Protestant Friends as the ytery shall approve, and find Caution for bring- ome within three Months, such of their Children are without the Kingdom, to be educated in ols and Colleges at the Presbyteries Sight; to find tion likewise of their abstinence from Mass, and Company of all *Jesuites* and *Priests*. 3*tio*, That all of soever Rank and Degree that refuse to give Satis- on in every one of the aforesaid Articles be proces- without any delay; but these who give Satisfaction, alt with in all Meekness after this Manner: The ytery shall appoint such of their Number as they find fittest to confer with them, so frequently as Brethren are able to attend, until the middle of r then next, against which Time, if they be not g to go to Church, that they give Assurance to d dwell in the adjacent University Town, from the of *November*, till the last of *March*, where they shall d all the Diets of Conference, which the Professors Ministers of the Bounds shall appoint to them; hich, if they be not converted, their Obstinacy declared in the Provincial Synods of *April*; and thence that Process shall go on to the very Closure, but any further Delay. 4*to*. That every Presbytery, ey will be answerable to the next Assembly, be care- do their Duty in the Premisses. 5*to*. That there ven by the Members of that Assembly, unto the missioners of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, a List of communicated *Papists* they know, and of all *Papists* have Children educated Abroad, that they may be nted, together with a Supplication from the Assem- to the Council at their next Sitting. 6*to*. That the Council

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Sabbath, be put to Execution. The Presbyteri
dained to put the foresaid Acts in Execution wi
ligence; and that the Commissioners of every P
give in a List of the excommunicated *Papists* wi
Bounds, and of *Papists* Children out of the Co
the Clerk, that the samen might be presented to t
cil, by the Commissioners of that Assembly. v
Aug. 3, *Ass.* 1642. *Overt. against Papists*, &c.

IV. That all Presbyteries of this Kingdom
serve and practise the Rules and Directions ma
mer General Assemblies, for preventing the G
Popery; namely the foresaid Overtures against *Pa*
communicants, and Prophaners of the *Sabbath*,
in *Ass.* 1642; and the Act anent Children sent
the Kingdom, made in the General Assembly 164
see in *Children)* And that they use all Diligence fo
in Execution the Acts of Parliament and Secret
made against *Papists* and excommunicate Perso
that they register their Diligences thereanent in
bytery-books, which are summarly to be recor
Synod-books, from Time to Time, that the Ge
sembly may see how these laudable Acts are pu
cution; which are set down in this Act, with
cessary Additions in one View. 1mo. That ever

f their Children as are without the Kingdom, to be
ed in Schools and Colleges, at the Presbytery's Sight,
r be Minors; and to be wrought upon by gracious
rence. and other Means of Inſtruction to be reclaim-
m *Popery*. if they be come to perfect Age. 3*tio*. That
its. Tutors. and Friends of Children and Minors,
e they ſend them without the Kingdom, firſt ac-
it the Presbytery where they reſide, that they may
their Teſtimonial directed to the Presbytery or Claſs
in the Kingdom or Dominion beyond Seas, whither
intend to ſend their Children; and at the Time of
Childrens Return, that they report a Teſtimonial
the Presbytery or Synod where they lived without
Kingdom, to the Presbytery who gave them a Teſti-
al at their going away; according to the Act anent
dren ſent without the Kingdom, *Anno* 1646. (which
Children, &c.) 4*to*. That all Presbyteries give the
es of ſuch Pedagogues, as were Abroad with the
lren of Noblemen, within their Bounds; and dili-
y enquire, whether theſe Pedagogues do either be-
corrupt in Religion. or (continuing conſtant) are
ved from their Charge. and by whom they are re-
d; and that they ſignifie theſe Things to the Gene-
Aſſembly from Time to Time. or their *Commiſſion*. that
may repreſent the ſame to the High Court of Par-
nt, Lords of Secret Council. or Committee of E-
, for ſuch Remedy as ſhall ſeem expedient to their
urs for preventing of, and purging the Land from
lague of Idolatry. 5*to*. That ſuch Parents, Tutors
iends, as either ſend away their Children to foreign
infected with Idolatry, without ſuch Teſtimonials
oreſaid, or do not recall them who are already A-
, within ſuch Time as is already prefix'd. or do re-
from them their Proteſtant Pedagogues (that they
be the more eaſily infected with *Popery*) be proceſs'd;
in caſe of not amending theſe Things, be excom-
cated. 6*to*. That the Names of ſuch as are ex-
nunicated for theſe. or any other Cauſes, be ſent in
e General Aſſembly from Year to Year; that from
e their Names may be notified in all the Kingdom,
hat the Acts of Parliament and Secret Council may
te to Execution againſt them, and all Diligence uſed
hat Effect; and that, by the effectual Dealing of the
ral Aſſembly with the Parliament, Lords of Secret
ncil and Committee of Eſtates, their Lordſhips may
enact

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ſuch Families as are tainted with *Popery* within the ſame being a ſpecial Mean to corrupt them latry; and to cauſe ſuch Parents to recal thei or elſe proceed with the Cenſures of the K them. All which Overtures Presbyteries ar required to obſerve, with Certification. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1648.

V. THAT Presbyteries take ſpecial Notice are in their Bounds, and that they take Pains them, and do advert how their Children are and, if Need be, make Application to the Civ rity concerning them. *Act* 7, *Seſſ.* 12, Octob 1690, § 2.

VI. 'TIS recommended to Miniſters, to b to dehort People from marrying with *Papiſts*, forth the dangerous Effects thereof: And the is inſtructed to apply to the Parliament for an charging ſuch unequal Marriages. And 'tis rec to Presbyteries, to think upon ſome Overture tend to prevent ſuch Marriages. *Act* 22, *Aſſ.*

VII. SOME Overtures againſt *Popery* are tran Presbyteries. *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1698.

VIII. THE foreſaid Overtures approven, 1*mo*. That Miniſters ſtudy the *Popiſh* Controve

Church. *6to.* That, according to the Acts of former
ral Aſſemblies and Acts of Parliament the Names of
Prieſts and *Jeſuites*, and traffiquing *Papiſts*, and of
who have ſent their Children to *Popiſh* Colleges and
ıtries, be given in to each Provincial Synod, and by
tranſmitted, as *Act* 6, *Parl.* 3, CHARLES II, re-
. *7timo.* That Application be made to the Civil
ſtrate, as often as Need requires, for the vigorous
ation of the Laws againſt *Papiſts*; particularly ſe-
ry *Prieſts*, *Popiſh* Schoolmaſters and Miſtreſſes. Go-
rs and Pedagogues, and *Popiſh* Meetings; and for
; to the training up of *Popiſh* Youth in the Proteſt-
eligion. *Act* 8, *Aſſ.* 1699.

THE Aſſembly do judge, That a private Acknow-
ent of *Papiſts* renouncing that Religion verbally,
ſufficient to admit them to Church-privileges; And
fore appoints, That the Reception of any that comes
om *Popery* to the Communion of this Church be
eed of a Church-Judicatory; and that they ſub-
the *Confeſſion of Faith*, as the Confeſſion of their Faith.
8, *Aſſ.* 1700.

ACT declaring, That by Judicatories, in the fore-
Act 18, *Aſſ.* 1700, is not meant any below a Presby-
Act 10, *Aſſ.* 1703.

'TIS appointed, That Presbyteries ſend Liſts to the
s of Privy Council, conform to the Acts of Parlia-
, and Proclamation of Council thereanent, of all *Pa-*
within their Bounds; and that theſe Liſts be parti-
as to the Names and Deſignations of the Perſons
ntertain them, and contain the Places where they
tertained, and where they preach, and hear and
aſs; and that they be particular as to the Eviden-
by giving the Names and Deſignations of the Wit-
. And the *Commiſſion* is appointed to apply to the
rnment, to provide for the Security of Miniſters
come to deal with *Papiſts*, in order to bring them off
Errors, that they may be protected from Violence
njuries that are offered to their Perſons, by the ſaid
and their Friends. *Act* 21. *Aſſ.* 1704.

'TIS recomended to Miniſters and Congregations
riſhes where *Popery* abounds, to be frequent and ſe-
in Faſting and Prayer to God, for reſtraining there-
The *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1699 (which ſee *ſupra*) is renewed:
'tis further recommended, 1mo, That Diligence be
o plant vacant Congregations in theſe Parts that are

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cord their Success: Or if the Infection be gr
That Synods in every Meeting. enquire at t
as to the Growth of *Popery* and give Assistanc
And, for that End, 5to. Send Ministers well
with the *Popish* Controversies, to assist Mini
Bounds where *Popery* prevails. not only to con
Seduced. but for establishing Others, espe
sons of more Influence and Authority. 6to
bationers be sent to assist Ministers of large
preaching, that they may have the more Ti
amongst the People: But Presbyteries are t
that this be not improven for Ease and Sloth.
making this about Probationers practicable
some Overtures of the *Commission* 1706. are appr
in prosecution thereof. 'tis ordained, That t
tioners, known in the *Popish* Controversies. be
Parts where *Popery* abounds to travel among
under the Inspection. and at the Direction of
teries of the Bounds, and show them the E
Church of *Rome*. and Danger of the same;
struct them in the Principles of the true Ref
testant Religion, especially in spacious Parish
a Contribution be made amongst Ministers
to their Stipends, and amongst charitable

ring and applying the foreſaid Contributions, and di-ing the Miſſioners in their Work; And Directions are en to Miniſters and Presbyteries with reſpect thereto: id 'tis appointed, That at every Synod the Names of ſts in the ſeveral Pariſhes within their Bounds be given to the Clerk of the Synod, that their Increaſe and De-aſe may be known, and ſuitable Proviſion made for re-vering the Seduced, and preventing the Seduction of ore; And that Synods tranſmit theſe Liſts yearly to e *Commiſſions* of Aſſemblies. And the *Commiſſions* are en-ined to ire to the Execution of the above Particulars, d to apply to the Government for Protection and Aſ-tance to the Miſſioners. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1707.

XIII. 'Tis recommended to Miniſters, That in their rmons, and Catechiſing, of the People under their harge, they uſe all Care and Diligence in informing em of the abominable Errors of the Church of *Rome*, nd inſtructing them in the Truths of the Reformed Re-gion; and faithfully warning them of their Danger om *Popery*. *Act* 4 *Aſſ.* 1708.

XIV. MINISTERS and Members of Kirk-ſeſſions are joined to keep a watchful Eye over *Papiſts*, and deal ith them for their Conviction, according to *Act* 8. *Aſ.* 07, (which ſee *ſupra*) and to give in yearly to the Preſ-ytery Liſts of their Names and Deſignations; particu-rly, of *Popiſh* Biſhops, Prieſts, *Jeſuites*, and other Traf-quers, and of Apoſtates from the true Religion; with Account of their *Popiſh* Meetings, Times and Places ereof, and Witneſſes for proving the ſame; with the ames of Children under *Popiſh* Parents, Tutors, Cura-rs and Governors, and of the neareſt Proteſtant Rela-ons of ſuch Children; and likewiſe of all *Papiſts* who eep Schools, or teach any Science, Art or Exerciſe; and lſo, of Proteſtants who keep *Popiſh* Servants; and of all *apiſts* who have ſucceeded to Lands or Heritages within heir Bounds, ſince the Year 1700; and all other Contra-eeners of the 3d *Act* of the *Parliament* held that Year: nd Presbyteries are ſtrictly enjoined to give in yearly, on r before the Twenty firſt Day of *February*, full Informa-ions of theſe Things, ſubſcribed by their Moderators nd Clerks, to the Juſtices of the Peace, in the ſe-eral Shires within which the ſaid Presbyteries do lie, nd *Papiſts* reſide or haunt, at their Quarter-ſeſſions or eetings; and to the other Judges ordinary, within the lounds of the ſaid Presbyteries, in order to due Trial:

And to ſend another authentick Copy of the ſa[illegible] mations, ſubſcribed as ſaid is, to the Procurator [illegible] for the Church, to be by them laid before the L[illegible] ſtice General, or Juſtice Clerk, or Her Majeſty[illegible] cate, or Solicitors; And to give in alſo Copie[illegible] to their Synods. according to former Acts o[illegible] bly: And Synods are ordained to call for the ſa[illegible] Presbyteries, and record their Diligence herein [illegible] Books. that the General Aſſembly may ſee it, [illegible] ſuch Orders thereanent as they ſhall judge proper[illegible] *Act* 1714.

XV. THE *Commiſſion* is inſtructed to apply to [illegible] Juſtice Clerk, Lord Advocate or Solicitor, in [illegible] obtain a vigorous Execution of the Laws againſt [illegible] And Informations about *Popiſh* Schoolmaſters or [illegible] ſes, and *Popiſh* Factors and Chamberlains, accor[illegible] the Direction of the *Act* 11, *Aſſ.* 1714, immedi[illegible] ceeding, are appointed to be ſent to the Procu[illegible] Agents for the Church, that they may be profe[illegible] cording to Law. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1717.

XVI. ALL Presbyteries. and particular Mini[illegible] Kirk-Seſſions are exhorted to have a watchful E[illegible] *Papiſts* within their Bounds, and to take up Liſt[illegible] Names. and ſend the ſame to the *Commiſſion* of A[illegible] to be laid before His Majeſty's Advocate, or [illegible] uſed, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe; and that they be at [illegible] to reclaim *Papiſts* and obſerve what is enjoined [illegible] End, by the 8th *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1707. And Presby[illegible] whoſe Bounds there are *Papiſts*, are enjoined to gi[illegible] formations againſt them according to the *Act* [illegible] 1714. (born which ſee *ſupra*) And to hold Viſit[illegible] Pariſhes where *Popery* abounds, and enquire into [illegible] cumſtances thereof. the Number of catechiſable [illegible] therein. how many of them are Proteſtants, and how many *Papiſts* and who of them are Apoſtates; As alſo, what is the Length and Breadth of ſuch Pariſhes. and what the real Rent, and alſo the valued Rent of each Heritor extends to; that ſo it may be known where new Erections are practicable, and how much each Pariſh may afford toward the Maintenance of Schools, conform to Law: And 'tis appointed, That at theſe Viſitations, the Churches and Manſes be alſo inſpected by Tradeſmen, in a legal Manner; And that where Miniſters do want Glebe, Graſs, or other Accommodations, the Courſe preſcribed *by Law* be followed; And that an Extract of what is

the Premiſſes be ſent to the Procurator and A- the Church, that Diligence may be taken out according to Law. And where Schools are in any Pariſh, Presbyteries are appointed to al Intimation to Heritors and Pariſhioners, to a certain Day, and at a certain Place, to ſtent es for a Salary to a Schoolmaſter. and for the Accommodations to him, as is appointed by *Act* , CHA. I. 1633. and *Act* 26. *Seſſ.* 6. *Parl.* K. 96. And that they appoint a Committee to meet m: And if the Heritors and Pariſhioners, and he Heritors, the moſt part of the Pariſhioners do at they proceed to ſtent, and alſo proportion the aid on: And if they either meet not: or, being fail in ſettling a Salary, and providing a Houſe choolmaſter; the Presbytery is appointed to pe- tition to the Commiſſioners of Supply, or any more of them, with an Extract of the valued the Pariſh; and crave that the Commiſſioners the Terms of the foreſaid Acts of Parliament, chool: And if the Commiſſioners refuſe, or ſhift g of it, that Inſtruments be taken againſt them, eupon a Proceſs be commenced before the Lords n; who have already, in the like Caſes, provi- ries and Houſes for Schoolmaſters: And if, when s done, the Heritors will not call a Schoolmaſter, bytery is required, after the expiring of one Year, Intimation to be made from the Pulpit to the and Pariſhioners, to meet on a certain Day, in elect and preſent one to be Schoolmaſter: And if Time they do it not, the Presbytery is appointed t One; and after Edicts duly publiſhed as to admit and ſettle him: And that where compe- ends are not provided in Pariſhes where *Popery* a- or where the Stipends are paid in ſmall Parcels, bytery concern'd is appointed to cauſe draw up a theſe Stipends, how, and by whom they are nd alſo an Account of the real Rent of each He- uch Pariſhes, and ſend the ſame to the Procurator nts for the Church; who, upon Receipt thereof, red to commence Proceſſes for ſettling of compe- ends to Miniſters, where the ſame is not already nd the Expences of Proceſſes for ſettling Stipends ols in Pariſhes where *Popery* abounds, are appoint-

ed to be born out of the Church's publick Money. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1719.

XVII. THE Commiſſion of Aſſembly is inſtructed and impowered to do what in them lies, to prevent the Growth of *Popery*, by directing and aſſiſting Miniſters in theſe Bounds where *Popery* prevails, in applying all proper Eccleſiaſtick Remedies particularly theſe preſcribed in the above Act 4. Aſſembly 1719 and former Acts: And all the Miniſters of this Church, eſpecially, in ſuch Corners where there are *Papiſts*, are appointed to preach againſt the Errors of *Popery*, and deal ſeriouſly with *Papiſts* for their Conviction; and the *Commiſſion* is impowered to uſe all ſuitable Endeavours to get the Civil Remedies now under Conſideration, brought to ſome good Iſſue, and to think upon Means to get proper Books againſt *Popery*, put in the Hands of People in theſe Places where *Popery* prevails, or People are in Danger of being perverted, and the Draught of a Memorial againſt *Popery* is approven and ordered to be ſent to the Secretary of State to be laid before His Majeſty. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1720.

Parliament, ſee *Exhortation.*

Parliament of England, ſee *Declaration, Act* 1, 3, 6. *Letter, Head* 8.

I. PROPOSITIONS are given by the Commiſſioners of the Parliament of *England* to a Committee, to be preſented by them to the General Aſſembly, giving an Account of the Progreſs made by them towards a Reformation, and craving the help of their Prayers, and what other Aid and Aſſiſtance they ſhall think meet. *Item.* A Declaration of both Houſes of the Parliament of *England* to the Aſſembly of *Scotland*, ſhewing that they had called an Aſſembly of Divines, which was then ſitting at *Weſtminſter*, and that they had ſent Commiſſioners from the Parliament, with the Aſſiſtance of ſome Divines of that Aſſembly, both therein-named, to Treat with the Aſſembly of *Scotland* anent publick Matters relating to the Peace and Common-Weal of both Kingdoms, the furthering the Work of Reformation in *England*, and a nearer Conjunction betwixt both Churches, and entreating that theſe Commiſſioners might be received with Favour and Credit in what they propone

ed: And alſo, That the Aſſembly of *Scotland*, according to their Promiſe and Reſolution ſend ſome godly and learned Divines to the Aſſembly in *England*, for furthering of that Work, and that the Aſſembly do what they can to procure an Aid to the Parliament againſt the Army of the *Popiſh* and Prelatical Party then on Foot, *Seſ.* 8. Aug. 10. *Aſſ* 1643.

II. PROPOSITIONS from both Houſes of the Parliament of *England* to the General Aſſembly, together with the Double of a Paper preſented by the ſaid Commiſſioners to the Convention of the Eſtates of *Scotland* entreating their Aſſiſtance for carrying on the Work of Reformation; and that the two Kingdoms may be united into a ſtrict League for effectuating thereof, and that the Kingdom of *Scotland* might ſend Forces to *England* to aſſiſt the Parliament againſt the Army of the *Papiſts*, *Prelatiſts* and *Malignants*, then on Foot. *Seſ.* 12. Aug. 15. *Aſſ.* 1643.

III. ANSWERS of the General Aſſembly 1643. to the above-written Declaration of the Parliament of *England*, bleſſing God for the Progreſs that that Parliament had made in the Reformation of Religion; ſhewing, that they had ſent Commiſſioners to propound, treat, and conclude with the Aſſembly of Divines, and others of the Church of *England* now ſitting at *Weſtminſter*, and any Committees to be deputed by both Houſes of Parliament, in all ſuch Things as may conduce to the utter Extirpation of *Popery*, *Prelacy*, *Hereſy*, *Schiſm*, *Superſtition* and *Idolatry*, and for ſettling the ſo much deſired Union of the whole Iſland in one Form of *Church-Government*, one *Confeſſion of Faith*, one *Common Catechiſm*, and one *Directory* for the Worſhip of GOD; and ſhewing their Deſire to be united and aſſociated with *England* in a nearer League and ſolemn Covenant for maintaining the true reformed Religion and Unity, and Uniformity therein, betwixt the Kirks of this Iſland, and that they had approven a Draught and Form of that Covenant, expecting the like Approbation of the Parliament and Aſſembly of *England*, that thereafter it may be ſolemnly ſworn and ſubſcribed in both Kingdoms, and promiſing not to be wanting to exhort all others to their Duty, or in concurring ſo far as belongs to their Place and Vocation with the Eſtates then conveened in any lawful and poſſible Courſe, which may moſt conduce to the good of *Religion* and Reformation, the King's Honour

and Happineſs, and the Deliverance of their Brethre *England*, from their preſent calamitous Condition. *ult.* Aug. 19. *Aſſ.* 1643.

Pariſhioners, ſee *Acts of Aſſembly*, *Act* 4.

'Tis referred to the ſeveral Presbyteries, to c what's fit to be done, to get ſome Proportion b the ſeveral Pariſhes within their Bounds, both as t Number and diſtance of Place. *Act Seſſ.* 23. & 2 17. & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638.

Pariſh Judges, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and *Civil Remedy* 1. *Prophaneneſs*, *Act fine*, *and Act* 4. *in fine.*

Parochial Viſitations, ſee *Viſitations terial* &c.

Paſſion, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 5. § 12.

Paſtors, ſee *Congregation.*

Patrons and Patronages, ſee *Liſts of tants*, *Grievances of the Church*, *Rep tions.*

Peace, ſee *Unity in Religion*, &c.

Penny-Bridals or Weddings, ſee *Lyk Act* 2.

I. That every Presbytery in the Kingdom t ecial Care for reſtraining the great Prophanity, ther Abuſes which ordinarly fall forth at Penny- as they ſhall think fit in their ſeveral Bounds and that they take a ſtrict Account of every and Seſſion, of their Obedience to the Ordinan Presbytery thereanent, at the Viſitation of ever Kirk in their Bounds. *Seſ. ult.* Feb. 12. *Aſſ.* 16 ved by *Act* 30. *Aſſ.* 1707. which, ſee in *Lykewak*

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries to the Judges ordinary for putting the Laws re Penny-Bridals in Execution, and the Comm appointed upon Repreſentations from Presby

the Judges their refuſal to apply to the Government for obliging them to execute their Office in this Matter. *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1706.

III. It's recommended to Synods, Presbyteries, and Kirk-Seſſions, to ſee to the Execution of the Acts of Aſſembly againſt Abuſes at Penny-Weddings, and to apply to the Civil Magiſtrate for the Execution of the Laws againſt Perſons guilty of Abuſes and Diſorders on theſe Occaſions, *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Pecunial Pains, ſee *Penalties.*

It's recommended and ordained, that Presbyteries diligently endeavour, that the 9th Act of the Parliament holden at *Perth anno* 1645, concerning the uplifting of Pecunial Pains to be imployed upon pious Uſes, may be put to due Execution within their ſeveral Bounds: As alſo, that the Acts of Parliament againſt excommunicated Perſons, eſpecially, the 20 Act of the Parliament in *March* 1647, be alſo carefully executed, and that they cauſe uſe all Diligence to that Effect, and that Account thereof be required in Provincial and General Aſſemblies. *Seſ.* 25. Aug. 28. *Aſſ.* 1647.

Pedagogues, ſee *Papiſts, Act* 4. § 4, 5. *Act* 8, 14. *School-Maſters. Act* 2.

Penalties, ſee *Pecunial Pains.*

Presbyteries and Miniſters *reſpective* are ordained to be diligent, by all Means, in procuring the full exact Execution of all Acts of Parliament made againſt Non-communicants, and excommunicated Perſons, and other Acts containing *Pecunial Pains* for reſtraining of Vice, and advancing Piety, and for uplifting the ſaid Penalties contained in the ſame, and for faithful Employment thereof upon pious Uſes, and that every Presbytery Report their Diligence therein yearly to the General Aſſemblies. *Seſ.* 7. June 4. *Aſſ.* 1644.

Perth, ſee *Articles of Perth.*

Petition.

PETITION by the General Aſſembly 1645, to the Parliament, entreating them to proceed with ſome ſpeedy Courſe of Juſtice againſt ſuch Perſons, as were known to have joined themſelves either actually in Arms, or by their Counſels, Supplies, or Encouragements, have ſtrengthned the bloody Enemies of the Reformation, *viz.* The barbarous *Iriſh* who have invaded the Land, and treacherous Country-men, who have joined them, and to reſolve upon, and put in Execution, all lawful and poſſible ways of ſpeedy and active purſuing and extirpating theſe barbarous and unnatural Enemies within the Kingdom. *Seſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1645.

Philoſophy, ſee *Colleges, Act* 1. § 5. *Grammar, Students of Philoſophy.*

Pious Uſes, ſee *Penalties.*

Places Civil, ſee *Evils of the Kirk.*

'TIS declared, that as on the one Part, the Kirk and Miniſters thereof are obliged to give their Advice and good Council in Matters concerning the Kirk, or the Conſcience of any whatſoever, to His Majeſty, to the Parliament, to the Council, or to any Member thereof for their Reſolutions from the Word of God; ſo on the other Part, that it is both inexpedient and unlawful in this Kirk for Paſtors ſeparated unto the Goſpel, to bruik Civil Places and Offices, as to be Juſtices of Peace, ſit and determine in Council, Seſſion, or Exchequer, to Ride or Vote in Parliament, to be Judges or Aſſeſſors in any Civil Judicatory, and all contrair Acts of Aſſembly are reſcinded and annulled, and namely the Act of Aſſembly holden at *Montroſe* 1600, which being preſt by Authority, did rather for an *Interim* tolerate the ſame, limited by many Cautions, than in freedom of Judgment allow thereof, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Cenſures of the Church, againſt ſuch as ſhould tranſgreſs therein in time coming. *Act Seſ.* 25. Dec. 19. *Aſſ.* 1638.

Place of Repentance, see *Absolution, Act* 1. *Gross Scandals, Act* 2. *Ministers, Act* 5. § 5.

Plantation of Kirks, and planting of Churches, see *Kirks, Act* 1. *Ministers, Act* 5. § 13.

THAT all Presbyteries take special care, that the present Opportunity be diligently improved by all their Members, as need is, before the Commission of Plantation of Kirks, for the Provision, Plantation, convenient dividing, dismembering, better uniting or enlarging of Parish Kirks, as they would not be censurable for their Neglect; and that every Presbytery send in to the next General Assembly the Names of all their Parishes, with Declarations which of them have Ministers, which not, what is the Largeness of their Bounds, Commodious, or Incommodious Situation of each Parish Kirk, what is the Number of Communicants, what Kirks are under Patrons, and what not; who are the several Patrons; what is the Nature and Quantity of the present Provision, or possible Ground of further Provision for competent maintenance, where the same is not sufficiently provided already: As also, what Parishes are united, or disunited, or bettered already, and in what Measure, by the said Commission, that the General Assembly being acquainted therewith, may do accordingly, both for censuring Neglecters, and finding out Overtures for better furtherance of the Work in time to come, and that the next ensuing Provincial Synods crave Account of the several Presbyteries their Diligence, and press that they may have it ready in writing to present to the Provincial Synods in *April* 1648, that so all may be in readiness, and the full Account made at the next General Assembly. *Sess.* 27. Aug. *ult. Ass.* 1647.

Pleas of Law, see *Ministers*, and there, *Corruptions, in their Persons and Lives*, § 5.

Poetry, see *Colleges, Act* 1. § 2.

Policy Book, see *Indications.*

Poor, see *Collections.*

Poors Money, ſee *Viſitations Presbyterial*, &c. *Act* 2.

Popery and Popiſh Perſons, ſee *Papiſts*.

Popiſh Parents, ſee *Papiſts*, &c. *Act* 3. § 14.

Power Intrinſick, ſee *Aſſemblies*, *Act* 6. *Confeſſion of Faith*, *Act* 6. *Evils of the Kirk*.

Power of Church Judicatures.

CHURCH Judicatures have Power to convene and call before them any Perſons within their Bounds, when the Eccleſiaſtick Buſineſs, which is before them, doth concern them, either as Party Witneſs, or otherwiſe; and to examine them according to the Nature of the Affair, and to hear and determine in ſuch Caſes as ſhall orderly come before them, and accordingly diſpenſe Church Cenſures. *Form Proc. Cap.* 1. § 5. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Prayer and Prayer ſolemn, ſee *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 3. § 2. *Excommunication the Greater*, *Tunes common*, *Miniſters*, *Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 5. *and Corruptions in their Perſons*, &c. § 6. *and Act* 2. and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 9.

I. A Diet ſet apart for Prayer. *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1690.

II. ANOTHER Act 2. *Aſſ.* 1694.

III. ANOTHER Diet for Prayer. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1695.

IV. ANOTHER ſet apart for Prayer, Act 5. General Aſſembly foreſaid, and the ſame obſerved, Act 6. of that Aſſembly.

V. It's unanimouſly recommended to all the Miniſters of this Church, that, in their publick Prayers, after praying for her Majeſty Queen *Anne*, they expreſly mention the Princeſs *Sophia*, Electreſs and Dutcheſs Dowager of *Hanover*, and the Proteſtant Line in that Family upon whom the Succeſſion of the Crown of theſe Dominions, is by Law eſtabliſhed, or that they Pray in ſuch

Terms

Terms, as their Congregations may underſtand that they mean the Princeſs *Sophia*, and the Heirs of her Body being Proteſtants. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Preachers and Preaching, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *particular Eccleſiaſtick Remedy* 1. *Iriſh Burſars*, &c. *Probationers.*

Preaching in Publick.

All Perſons diſcharged to Preach in publick, under the Name and Notion of an Expectant, or under any other pretence whatſoever, except ſuch as ſhall be tried and found qualified according to the Acts of the General Aſſembly; and it's recommended to Presbyteries and Provincials to take ſpecial Notice thereof, and to Cenſure the Tranſgreſſors accordingly. *Act Seſ.* 14. June 17. *Aſſ.* 1646.

Preaching Deacons, ſee *Titles of Dignity.*

Precentors or Readers, ſee *Congregations, Expectants, Act* 2. *School-Maſters, Act* 1. *Schools, Act* 2.

Prelacy, ſee *Evils of the Kirk.*

Prelatical Preachers, ſee *Diſcipline, Act* 9. *Separatiſts.*

Presbyteries, ſee *Novations, Judicatories, Miniſters, Act* 2. and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 3,5,6,7. *Army, Overtures, Act* 5. *Burſars, Correſpondence, depoſed Miniſters, Papiſts, Confeſſion of Faith, Act* 1, 6, 7, 8. *Marriage, Act* 2. *Aſſociating in Presbyteries, Repreſentatives*, &c. *Diſſenting Voices, Provincial Aſſemblies.*

I. All Presbyteries erected ſince the Year 1586 are ratified, and new Presbyteries are erected according to a particular Note, regiſtrate in the Books of Aſſembly. *Act Seſ.* 23. & 24. *Dec.* 17. & 18. § 1. & 2. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. It

mit Ministers, and choose their own Moderator
23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. *Ass.* 1638. § 7.

Presbytery-books, see *Papists*, *Act* 4,
& fine *Act* 12. § 3.

Presbytery-seats, see *Schools*, *Act* 2. §

Presbyterian Government, see *Uni*
Act 1.

Presbyterial Meetings.

PRESBYTERIAL Meetings are ordered to
weekly, both in Summer and Winter (except
far distant) who during the Winter season (th
twixt the 1st of *October* and the 1st of *April*) a
sed with, for meeting once in the Fourteen Da
all Absents are to be censured, especially these w
Exercise and Add according to the Act of Asse
at St. *Andrew's*, *April* 24. *Ses.* 12. And that s
troverted Head of Doctrine be handled in the
publickly, and disputed among the Brethren, e
Presbytery of the Month; according to the A
sembly holden at *Dundee* 1598. *Ses.* 12. *Act* 23 &

Presentations to Benefices, and Seeking of them, see *Ministers; Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office,* § 3. *Lists of Expectants.*

THAT the principal Places of the Realm be provided by Men of most worthy Gifts, Wisdom and Experience. *Act* March 26. 1596. *Sess.* 7. Ratified by *Act Sess.* 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. *Act.* 1638, *Art.* 9.

Preserving of Registers, see *Registers.*

Presumptions, see *Uncleanness.*

Priests, see *Papists, Act* 1, *Act* 4 in fine. *Act* 8, § 6, 7. *Act* 14.

'TIS recommended to all Provincial Synods, Presbyteries and Kirk-sessions within this National Church, to take particular Notice of traffiquing *Priests*: And 'tis appointed that Lists be taken up of their Names, and given to the Privy Council, with an Address for executing the Laws against them. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to advert to the Education of young Noblemen, Gentlemen and others, Children of *Popish* Parents, and to put the 7th Act of the General Assembly 1690 thereanent, in Execution. (which see in *Papists*, &c.) *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1695.

Principal places of the Realm, see *Presentations to Benefices.*

Printing, see *Acts of Assembly, Act* 2, 3, 6.

I. ALL Persons within the Kingdom are discharged and inhibited to print any Act of the former Assemblies, or any of the Acts or Proceedings of that Assembly, any *Confession of Faith*, any Protestation, any Reasons *pro* or *contra* anent the present Divisions and Controversies of this Time, or any other Treatise whatsoever, which may concern the Kirk of *Scotland*, or God's Cause in hand, without warrant subscribed by Mr. *Archibald Johnston* as Clerk to the Assembly, and Advocate for the Kirk; or to reprint, with-

General Assembly, or any other Church-J
without Leave given by the reſpective Presbyteri
whom the ſame is in Dependance: With Ce
That no Reſpect ſhall be had thereto, by readin
ſidering the ſame, in caſe they contraveen this *A*
1700,

Priors, ſee *Titles of Dignity.*

Private Adminiſtration of the Sacra
ſee *Orders of the Church, Sacraments,*
cles of Perth.

Private Admonition, ſee *Spreading o*
dals, Uncleanneſs, Appeals, Act
Miniſters. Act 5. § 8.

Private Schools, ſee *Colleges, Act* 1.

Private Worſhip, ſee *Worſhip.*

Privy Cenſures, ſee *Remedies againſ*
and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy agai*
phaneneſs, 11. *Exerciſe and Addition*
phaneneſs Act 2. § 2.

ibationers, ſee *Confeſſion of Faith, Act* 7, 5. *Students, Intrants, Preachers, Iriſh Bur-ars,* &c. *Miniſters, Act* 7. *Overtures, Act* 7. *Prophaneneſs, Act* 3. § 4. *North, Act* 9, 11, 14, 16, 20. *Licenſing.*

THAT no Presbytery admit any Perſon to Trial, rder to Preaching, but ſuch as are of ſound Princi-s and of a ſober, grave, prudent and pious Behaviour, of whom they have Ground to conceive good Hopes : they ſhall be uſeful and edifying in the Church : l for this End, 'tis appointed, That ſuch Perſons ſhall luce, before the Presbyteries who admit them to Tri-ufficient Teſtimonials from the Miniſters of the Pa-s where they lived, and from the Presbyteries in ſe Bounds they reſide; and alſo from the Profeſſors Divinity where they may have attended the Profeſ-for ſome Time : And if the ſaid Perſons come from ace where there is no Presbytery, yet conſtituted ac-ing to the legal Eſtabliſhment, they ſhall produce Te-ates from the next adjacent Presbytery; who are to rm themſelves concerning their Principles and Beha-ur, and to teſtifie of them accordingly. And the Aſ-bly appoints, That when ſuch Perſons are firſt licen-to be Probationers, they ſhall oblige themſelves to ch only within the Bounds, or by the Direction of Presbytery which did licence them : And they ſhall by Promiſe and Subſcription engage themſelves, that ſhall be ſubject to the Presbytery that did licence m, or to any other Church-judicatory, wherein by vidence they ſhall have their Aboad, for ſhorter or ger Time; and that they ſhall follow no diviſive arſe : And this their Engagement ſhall be inſert in the ly of their Licence. And further 'tis appointed, That n they are removing from that Presbytery which licence them, they ſhall carry with them an Extract their Licence, and a Teſtimonial from the Presbytery their Carriage; which they are to preſent to the Preſ-ery to which they come, or at leaſt, to ſome Miniſter rein, before they preach within that Bounds : And ich Miniſter is not to employ them, except in his own lpit, until he give Notice thereof to the Presbytery at

whom they ſhall be ſubject, and by whom
directed as aforeſaid. And in caſe the ſaic
ſhall malverſe in Doctrine or Converſation
accountable to, and cenſurable by the ſaid r
catories, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And if t
tioners refuſe Subjection, or prove contuma
Cenſure, whether of Reproof, Suſpending
erciſe of their Licence, or of recalling the
Intimation ſhall be made thereof by the ſai
to the neighbouring Judicatories, or where
derſtand the ſaid Probationers are; that ſo
ploy them to preach, nor their after-irregu
puted to the Presbyteries that did licence th
they afterwards had their Abode. And 'ti
declared, That the foreſaid Probationers a
ſteemed, by themſelves or others, to prea
any Paſtoral Office, but only to make wa
ing called to a Paſtoral Charge. *Act* 10.

II. THE punctual Obſervance of all Acts
concerning Probationers or Intrants to th
ſeriouſly recommended to all Presbyteries;
ventures, about licenſing Probationers, an
them, or Intrants to the Miniſtry, are tr
the Obſervance of them recommended, un

; providing, that before any Presbytery licence ſuch
nts within the ſaid Six Years, they firſt conſult the
ral Aſſembly, or the *Commiſſion* thereof, in the Mat-
And 'tis further ordained, That none be licenſed
y Presbytery, except they have reſided therein for
pace of Six Years; or do produce to them ſufficient
monials from the Presbyteries in whoſe Bounds they
laſt, or for the moſt part reſided; bearing expreſly,
it is the Deſire of theſe Presbyteries, that theſe Stu-
ſhould be entred upon Trials. And ſuch Students
me from Abroad, ſhall produce ſatisfying Teſtimo-
from the Profeſſors under whom they ſtudied; and
'ime of their being Abroad ſhall be accounted a Part
e ſaid Six Years: But none of theſe Students ſhall be
d on Trials, for the Space of a whole Year after they
to *Scotland*. And 'tis alſo ordained, That, the a-
Space of Six Years being expired, and Teſtimonials
ic'd in manner foreſaid, the Presbytery which is to
Trial of theſe Students, ſhall, before they enter them
Trials in order to be licenſed, write Letters to all
other Presbyteries within the Synod, acquainting
with their Deſign; and at the next Meeting of the
, they ſhall alſo acquaint the Synod thereof, and ob-
their ſpecial Advice and Judgment in that Particu-
And the punctual Obſervance of all Acts already
concerning Probationers and Intrants to the Mini-
is ſeriouſly recommended to all Presbyteries; and
before any Presbyteries receive any upon Trials, in
to his being licenſed. Three or Four of their Num-
e appointed to converſe with him, and take Trial
is Orthodoxy, Knowledge in Divinity; particularly,
modern Controverſies, and other neceſſary Qualifi-
ns for the Miniſtry, and what Senſe and Impreſ-
he has of Religion upon his own Soul; and that
make Report of their Diligence herein, before the
ytery admit him to the Probationary-Trials. And
yteries are diſcharged to put the Call of any Pariſh
the Hand of the Probationer called; And they are
inted to keep the ſame ſtill in their own Hands, un-
he ſaid Probationer's Trials be over, and that the
ytery be fully ſatisfied, both as to his Sufficiency and
ſs for that Pariſh, and certain Queſtions are ap-
ted to be put to all ſuch as paſs Trials in order to be
ſed; as alſo, to ſuch as ſhall be ordained Miniſters,

1*mo*. Do you believe the Scriptures of the O
Teſtament to be the Word of God, and the
of Faith and Manners? 2*do*. Do you ſincer
believe the whole Doctrine of the *Confeſſion o*
proven by the General Aſſemblies of this Natio
and ratified by Law in the Year 1690, and
confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament ſince
to be the Truths of God contained in the S
the Old and New Teſtaments? And do yo
whole Doctrine therein contained as the Confe
Faith? 3*tio*. Do you ſincerely own the Puri
ſhip preſently authorized and practiſed in t
and aſſerted in the 15th *Act* of *Aſſ*. 1707, ent
againſt Innovations in the Worſhip of God? And a
Presbyterian Government and Diſcipline, no
eſtabliſhed in this Church? And are you
that the ſaid Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline a
Government are founded upon the holy Scri
agreeable thereto? 4*to*. Do you promiſe, Th
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Diſcipline, and the Government of this Chur
Seſſions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods a

ent with the ſaid Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government of this Church? Follows the

Formula.

I ——————, *Do hereby declare, That I do ſincerely own and believe the whole Doctrine contained in the* Confeſſion of Faith *approven by the General Aſſemblies of this National Church, and ratified by Law in the Year* 1690, *and frequently confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament ſince that Time; to be the Truths of God: And I do own the ſame as the Confeſſion of my Faith. As likewiſe, I do own the Purity of Worſhip preſently authorized and practiſed in this Church; And alſo, the Presbyterian Government and Diſcipline, now ſo happily eſtabliſhed therein: Which Doctrine, Worſhip and Church-Government, I am perſwaded, are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto. And I promiſe, That, through the Grace of God, I ſhall firmly and conſtantly adhere to the ſame; and, to the utmoſt of my Power, ſhall, in my Station, aſſert, maintain and defend the ſaid Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government of this Church by Kirk-Seſſions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General Aſſemblies; And that I ſhall, in my Practice, conform my ſelf to the ſaid Worſhip, and ſubmit to the ſaid Diſcipline and Government; and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the Prejudice or Subverſion of the ſame. And I promiſe, That I ſhall follow no diviſive Courſe from the preſent Eſtabliſhment in this Church: Renouncing all Doctrines, Tenets and Opinions whatſoever, contrary to, or inconſiſtent with the ſaid Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government of this Church.* Act 10. Aſſ. 1711.

IV. FOR Explication of the ſaid *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1711, 'tis declared to be fit, That, before one Presbytery grant a Recommendation or Deſire to another Presbytery, for entring a Student of Divinity upon Trials, they take the uſual private Trial, appointed by the ſaid Act to be taken of ſuch Students, as if they were to be paſs'd before themſelves. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1713.

V. THE ſtrict Obſervation of *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1705, which ſee in *Schools*, and of *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1711. concerning young Men to be entred on Trials, (which ſee *ſupra*) and other Acts of Aſſembly, about Trying and Licenſing Probationers, is ſeriouſly recommended to all Profeſſors of Divinity, & Presbyteries within this Church: And 'tis further recommended to Presbyteries, that they cauſe read to the young Men about to be tried, the Engagements required, by the ſaid *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1711. of ſuch as are to be licenſed; And that they

10 recommended, are not to begin their Trials
have reſided at leaſt Half an Year immediatel
their Bounds: And the Viſiters of Presbytery
appointed to report to their Synods, an Acc
Diligence of the ſeveral Presbyteries in this M
'tis provided, That what is above contained ſ
extended to Students having the *Iriſh* Langua
Aſſ. 1714.

VI. THE ordinary Allowances payable by
Aſſembly to Preachers, ſent from Time to T
Aſſembly or *Commiſſions* thereof to ſupply vacan
in order to be ſettled in the *North*, the Highla
ſlands, are appointed to be paid next to the ſt
Charges of the Church, and before any other
Demand whatſoever, that ſhall be made
Church's publick Money. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1715.

Proceſſes, ſee *Competency of Judicat*

I, THAT all Proceſſes or other Papers be
the Clerk, in the Intervals betwixt the Dicts
ſemblies Meeting: Declaring, That ſuch as
therwiſe delivered, ſhall be laid aſide for that
Aſſ. 1701.

Proceſſes againſt Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 5.

Proclamation.

SUCH as have been prime Inſtruments of the publiſhing of the Marqueſs of *Montroſe* his *Proclamation* for enditing a pretended Parliament, or any ſuch like *Proclamation*, and *Declaration*, are declared to deſerve the higheſt Cenſures of the Kirk, unleſs they make humble Confeſſion of their Offence publickly, in ſuch Manner as is preſcribed by that Aſſembly: And 'tis recommended to the Committee of Eſtates, to take ſome Courſe for their exemplary civil Puniſhment; and that ſome publick Note of Ignominy be put upon that *Proclamation*. *Seſſ.* 14. June 17. *Aſſ.* 1646.

Proclamation of Banns, ſee *Marriage*.

I. MARRIAGE, without Proclamation of Banns, diſcharged, conform to the former Acts; except the Preſbytery, in ſome neceſſary Exigents, diſpenſe therewith. *Act Seſſ.* 23 & 24. Decem. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Act* 21.

II. SOME Overtures concerning Proclamation of Banns tranſmitted to Presbyteries. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1698. And theſe Overtures approven thus, *viz.*

III. 'TIS declared, That, before any Proclamations be made, the Names and Deſignations of the Perſons to be married and their Parents, Tutors and Curators, if they any have, be given up to the Miniſter of the Bounds in which any of them live and reſide, that thereby it may be known, if their Parents and Friends give Conſent thereto; And that the Miniſter, being ſatisfied herein, order the Proclamation to be made Three ſeveral *Sabbaths*: Which, when made, ſhall be immediately before Divine Worſhip begin in the Forenoon; And the Perſons to be proclaimed, their Names and full Deſignations, by which they are deſigned in Writs, and the Contracts of Marriage, be fully and audibly expreſs'd: And that, where there are more Churches collegiated in the Place or Town, the Proclamation be made in all and every one of the Churches within the City or Town, where they or any of the Perſons to be married reſide; and this to be atteſted to the Miniſter that marries them. With Certification of the Cenſures of the Church againſt the Tranſgreſſors herein. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1699.

1. ALL Miniſters, and all who fear God a
ted and required to have on their Hearts a de
bling, and Soul affecting Senſe of the Groſs an
nable Sins and Vices that abound in this Na
be much in Prayer and Supplication before G
this Account, and that all the Miniſters of thi
preach plainly and faithfully againſt theſe V
denounce the threatned Judgments of GO
ſuch Evil Doers, and deal earneſtly and n
their Conſciences, to bring them to a Conv
Senſe of their Sin and Danger, and Churc
tories are appointed faithfully to exerciſe Ch
cipline againſt all ſuch ſcandalous Offenders,
Gravity Prudence and Meekneſs of Wiſdom,
Bleſſing of GOD, may prove an effectual M
forming and recovering the Guilty, and of
the like Sins in others. And it's required,
be taken in the receiving of Servants, and that
Teſtimonials of their Honeſt and Chriſtian
and that the ſame be required of all others wh
remove from one Pariſh to another. And it'
ed, that the Miniſters and Elders in each Co
take care, that the Worſhip of God be perfor
ſeveral Families thereof; and if any Famil

Prophaneneſs may be put in Execution, and particularly the Act of Parliament *June* 15. 1693, Intituled, *Act againſt Prophaneneſs*, and this Act is ordained to be publickly read and intimated in all Churches, *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1694.

II. In the firſt place, all the People of this Church and Nation are in the Aw and Dread of the great God, who will not hold them Guiltleſs that break any of his Commands, beſeeched, warned, and obteſted to break off their Sins by Repentance, and ſeriouſly, in the Fear of the Lord, to apply themſelves to a ſober, conſcientious, Chriſtian and circumſpect Walk in all Manner of Converſation, as becomes the Profeſſors of the glorious Goſpel of the bleſſed God, and of that Religion which is pure and undefiled, as they would not incur the heavy Diſpleaſure and juſt Indignation of the Holy One, in being excluded for ever from ſeeing his Face in Peace, and pull down his Temporal Judgments upon themſelves, and upon the Land. And next, all Miniſters of this Church are required, freely and faithfully to preach againſt the enormous Sins of prophane and idle Swearing, Curſing, Sabbath-breaking; prophane withdrawing from, and Contempt of Goſpel-Ordinances; yea, oppoſing the diſpenſing of them, by hindering the planting of Churches, and diſcouraging the Endeavours of others for calling and fixing a faithful Goſpel-Miniſtry among them, mocking of Piety and Religion, and the Exerciſes thereof, Fornication, Adultery, Drunkenneſs, exceſſive Tippling, Deiſm, Blaſphemy, and other groſs abominable Sins, as the crying Sins of the Time, that People may be brought to a Conviction and Senſe of their hainouſneſs and Danger, and may reform, not only for fear, but from Conſcience. And it's appointed, that Presbyteries and Kirk-Seſſions do faithfully and Impartially exerciſe Church-Diſcipline againſt all ſuch ſcandalous Offenders, and uſe all ſuteable Means in dealing with their Conſciences to bring them to an unfeigned Repentance and Reformation: And it's recommended to Miniſters and Members of Kirk-Seſſions, from a true Zeal for God, to hold Hand to the delating, informing againſt, and puniſhing of all prophane Tranſgreſſors, without reſpect of Perſons, by civil Puniſhments, conform to the Acts of Parliament made in that Behalf; and that they record their Diligence in their Seſſion-Books, that the ſame may be

that whatever Miniſter or Member of Kirk
found faulty in neglecting to purſue the for
dals in their Stations, the ſaid Miniſter or
Kirk-Seſſion be complained of, and cenſur
Presbytery for the firſt Fault, and that the
recorded; and that the ſecond Negligence be
and cenſured by the Synod; and that for
Neglect, they be cenſured by the Synod with
to be recorded in the Synod-Regiſter; and
ture is turned in an Act *infra Aſſ.* 1699. A
commended to each Miniſter or Kirk-Se
ſhall find Cauſe to Complain of a Magiſtra
gligence in executing the ſaid Laws, or for refu
tation and Commiſſion to ſuch Perſons as a
lected and preſented to them from Pariſhes w
is no ordinary Magiſtrate reſiding confor
Act of Parliament *Octob.* 9. 1696; that they
their Presbyteries therewith, and that the ſaid
having uſed all previous Means in dealing with
ſciences of the ſaid Magiſtrates, without any
fect, do, with the Kirk-Agent, thereafter
ſaid negligent or refractory Magiſtrate before
of Council and Seſſion, according to the for
of Parliament, and that this Act be read in all

Holineſs, in all Manner of Converſation. 2*do.* That they be frequent and fervent in ſecret Prayer for themſelves and the People committed to them, joining ſometime Faſting with Prayer: And it's recommended to Miniſters and Elders in their ſeveral Pariſhes, and Miniſters in their ſeveral Presbyteries, to meet ſometimes together in their Pariſhes and Presbyteries *reſpective*, for private Faſting and Prayer, and Conference anent the State of the Church, and that Part of it in which they have ſpecial Intereſt, with Reſpect to the Growth or Decay of Godlineſs, and Succeſs of the Goſpel therein. 3*tio.* That Presbyteries be more accurate in managing their privy Cenſures, and that a Day be ſet apart for that purpoſe only, and ſpent in Prayer and Faſting together. 4*to.* That Presbyteries be very cautious in admitting Intrants to the Miniſtry, and be accurate and exact in the Trial, not only of their Literature, but of their Piety, Prudence, and former godly Converſation and Walk. 5*to.* That Miniſters be painful in Catechiſing, frequent in viſiting Families, and in private perſonal Conference with theſe of their Charge, about the State of their Souls; and that Miniſters be more frequent in the Adminiſtration of the *Lord's Supper*, and always edifying in their Converſe and Diſcourſe, and that they deal with Heads of Families to engage them to Piety, and a Care to reform their Families, and to ſet up and keep up the Worſhip of God therein, and in particular, that Miniſters endeavour by all prudent and gaining Goſpel Methods, to engage Perſons of Honour and Power, to fall in Love with Holineſs, and to reckon it, as indeed it is, their greateſt Honour, and that in dealing with ſuch of them as are vitious, an humble, and yet holy Boldneſs and Zeal be uſed in admoniſhing them, in order to their Recovery; and that herein Presbyteries appoint ſome others of their Number to concur with the Miniſter of the Place, as may be moſt for Edification. 6*to.* It's recommended that Kirk-Seſſions and Presbyteries be Vigorous, Impartial, and yet Prudent, in the exerciſe of Church-Diſcipline, againſt all Immorality, eſpecially Drunkeneſs and Filthineſs, curſing and ſwearing, and prophaning the *Lord's-Day*, which too much abound, and that they apply to the Magiſtrates for executing the good Laws made againſt Immorality and Prophaneneſs. 7*mo.* It's recommended to all Miniſters, where the

the People ſit too long in Taverns, eſpecially on the *Saturdays* Night, thro' which ſome neglect the publick Worſhip in the *Lord's-Day* in the Forenoon, and others attend the Worſhip drowſily, that they repreſent to the People, both publickly and privately, the Sin and Evil thereof, and call them to redeem that Time which they have free from Buſineſs, and to employ it for Converſe with God about their Souls-State, and in Preparation for the Sabbath, which will yield more Delight than all ſenſual Pleaſures can do; and all Magiſtrates of Burghs are exhorted to be aſſiſtant to Miniſters in enquiring into, and reforming ſuch Abuſes. And ſicklike, the foreſaid Act of the Aſſembly, dated the 11 *January* 1697. *Seſ.* 8. againſt *Prophaneneſs*, is revived, and the Overtures therein contained anent cenſuring ſuch Miniſters and Members of Seſſion, as are Negligent in purſuing Scandals, is approven. And the punctual Obſervation of the ſaid Acts and Overtures, and Obedience thereto, by all Presbyteries, Miniſters, Elders, and Seſſions, as they are concerned in their ſeveral Stations, as they will be anſwerable, is recommended and enacted. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1699.

IV. 'Tis recommended to the Commiſſion, to appoint ſome of their Number, with the Clerk, to draw up an Abſtract of all the Acts of Aſſemblies againſt *Prophaneneſs* and *Immorality*, both before and ſince the late Revolution, which being reviſed by the Commiſſion, may be by them ordered to be printed, together with the Abſtract of the Acts of Parliament againſt *Prophaneneſs*, in a ſmall Volumn, and each Presbytery is enjoined twice a Year at leaſt, at Diets appointed in *hunc effectum*, to read theſe, and to enquire at each Miniſter what is done by them for Execution thereof; and every Synod is ordained to take a ſtrict Account of Presbyteries their Diligence and Faithfulneſs therein: And it's recommended to all Presbyteries to think ſeriouſly what may be further needful for reſtraining of Wickedneſs, and advancing of Piety and the Kingdom of *Chriſt* in the Nation, and to ſend in their Opinions concerning the ſame, to the immediate ſubſequent Aſſembly, who might take theſe to their ſerious Conſideration, and make this their chief and firſt Work. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1704.

V. All Magiſtrates, Miniſters and Elders are ſeriouſly exhorted in their reſpective Capacities, to hold Hand

Hand to the Execution of the Laws againſt *Prophaneneſs*, according to the foreſaid 11 Act of the Aſſembly 1697, and 7 Act of Aſſembly 1699.. made againſt *Prophaneneſs*, and particularly, 'tis recommended to Miniſters and Kirk-Seſſions, to apply to the Civil Magiſtrate in that Matter, as the Law allows and requires, and upon the inferior Magiſtrates Neglect or Refuſal to put the Laws againſt *Prophaneneſs* in Execution, that the Kirk-Seſſion, with concurrence of the Presbytery, complain to the Government for Redreſs, according to Law. And *Laſtly*, It's recommended to Presbyteries, to enquire diligently at their privy Cenſures and parochial Viſitations, how Miniſters and Kirk-Seſſions have obeyed this Recommendation. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1706.

VI. QUEEN *Anne*'s Proclamation againſt *Prophaneneſs*, dated *Auguſt* 18. 1708. with the Abbreviate of the Laws ſubjoined thereto. As alſo, the 13. Act of Aſſembly 1694, the 11th Act of Aſſembly 1697, and 7th Act of Aſſembly 1699, all which ſee *Supra*, 7th Act of Aſſembly 1697, which ſee in *Worſhip Secret*, &c. are appointed to be Reprinted in a ſmall Volumn, and a Copy thereof to be ſent to every Pariſh and Kirk-Seſſion, Presbytery and Synod in *Scotland*; and the ſaid Proclamation and Abbreviate are appointed to be read from the Pulpits of all the Churches in *Scotland*, on a certain Day mentioned in the Act, and thereafter as often, and at ſuch Times as the ſeveral Synods and Presbyteries ſhall judge it needful and convenient; and Synods and Presbyteries are ordained to record their Diligence in this Matter in their Books. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1714.

VII. KING *George*'s Proclamation againſt *Prophaneneſs*, as alſo the Abbreviate of the Laws againſt *Immorality* are appointed to be read in all the Churches on a certain Day; and the 5th Act of Aſſembly 1714. immediately above-written: As alſo the 11 Act of the ſame Aſſembly, which ſee in *Popery*, are renewed. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1715.

Prophaners of the Sabbath, ſee *Sabbath*.

Profeſſion of Repentance, ſee *Abſolution*, *Groſs Scandals*, *Act* 2. § 4. *Miniſters*, *Act* 5. § 5.

Profeſſors

Profeſſors of Theology, ſee *Old Miniſters, Tranſplantations, &c. Act* 1. § 3. *Students of Theology, Act* 1. 2. *Schools, Act* 4. *Doctrine, Act* 4.

I. If Profeſſors of Theology in Univerſities be Miniſters, they may be choſen Commiſſioners to the General Aſſemblies, either by the Presbytery as Miniſters, or by the Univerſity as Profeſſors of Divinity. *Act Seſſ.* 3. Aug. 4. *Aſſ.* 1643.

II. That Provincials diligently conſider and try, who within their Bounds moſt probably may be fit for a Profeſſion in the Schools, and Report their Names to the General Aſſembly, that ſuch may be ſtirred up and encouraged by the General Aſſembly, to compoſe and frame their Studies, that they may be fitted for ſuch Places. *Act Seſſ. ult.* Feb. 13. *Aſſ.* 1645.

III. For keeping the Univerſities pure, and provoking the Profeſſors of Divinity to greater Diligence, they are deſired to preſent to the next Aſſembly their Dictates of Divinity, and the Profeſſors preſent to give Intimation to the Profeſſors abſent; but the Determination of an Overture propoſing it as a conſtant and perpetual Order, that each Profeſſor in the Univerſities within this Church and Kingdom, bring with them, or ſend with the Commiſſioners who comes to the General Aſſembly, a perfect, and well written Copy of his Dictates, to be reviſed by the General Aſſembly, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint for that Work, ilk Year, is continued till the next Aſſembly. *Seſſ. ult.* June 18. *Aſſ.* 1646.

Promiſe of Marriage, ſee *Overtures, Act* 2.

Promiſcuous Dancing, ſee *Dancing, Lykewakes, Act* 2.

Propoſitions for Kirk-Government, ſee *Ordination, Act.* 2.

The following Eight General Heads of Doctrine, contained and aſſerted in the Hundred and Eleven *Propoſitions* exhibited and tendered by ſome Brethren, who

who were appointed to prepare Articles and Propoſitions, for vindicating of the Truth againſt the dangerous Tenets of *Eraſtianiſm* and Independency, falſely called *Liberty of Conſcience* are unanimouſly approven, and agreed unto, *viz.* 1*mo.* That the Miniſtry of the Word, and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments of the New Teſtament, Baptiſm, and the Lord's Supper, are ſtanding Ordinances inſtituted by God himſelf, and to continue in the Church to the End of the World. 2*do*, That ſuch as adminiſter the Word and Sacraments, ought to be duly called and ordained thereunto. 3*tio*. That ſome Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures are proper and peculiar to be inflicted only upon ſuch as bear Office in the Kirk, other Cenſures are common, and may be inflicted both on Miniſters and other Members of the Kirk. 4*to*. That the Cenſure of Suſpenſion from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper inflicted becauſe of groſs Ignorance, or becauſe of a ſcandalous Life and Converſation; As likewiſe, the Cenſure of Excommunication, or caſting out of the Kirk flagitious, or contumacious Offenders, are both warranted by, and grounded upon the Word of God, and are neceſſary (in Reſpect of divine Inſtitution) to be in the Kirk. 5*to*. That as the Rights, Power, and Authority of the Civil Magiſtrate are to be maintained according to the Word of God, and the Confeſſion of the Faith of the reformed Kirks; ſo it is no leſs true and certain, that the Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*, the only Head and only King of the Kirk, hath inſtituted and appointed a Kirk-Government diſtinct from the Civil Government or Magiſtracy. 6*to*. That the Eccleſiaſtical Government is committed and entruſted by Chriſt to the Aſſemblies of the Kirk made up of Miniſters of the Word, and Ruling Elders. 7*mo*. That the leſſer and inferior Eccleſiaſtical Aſſemblies ought to be ſubordinate, and ſubject unto the greater and ſuperior Aſſemblies. 8*vo*. That notwithſtanding hereof, the Civil Magiſtrate may and ought to ſuppreſs by corporal and civil Puniſhments ſuch, as by ſpreading Error or Hereſy, or by fomenting Schiſm, greatly diſhonour God, dangerouſly hurt Religion, and diſturb the Peace of the Kirk; which Heads of Doctrine, the Aſſembly declares they firmly believe, own, maintain, and commend unto others, as ſolid, true, and Orthodox, grounded upon the Word of God, and conſonant to the Judgment both of the ancient and beſt reformed Kirks; and a more par-

particular Examination of theſe one hundred a
leven Propoſitions is committed and referred t
Theological Faculties in the four Univerſities of this
dom, and the Judgment of each of theſe Faculties
cerning the ſame, appointed to be reported to th
General Aſſembly; and Presbyteries are appoin
ſend their Judgment concerning the ſame to the n
ſembly, and any others that pleaſe to peruſe
are allowed to make known, or ſend their Ju
concerning them to the ſaid Aſſembly. *Act*
Sept. 1. *Aſſ.* 1647.

Proteſtation, ſee *Diſſenting Voices.*

Provincial Aſſemblies, ſee *Synods, Presby*
Act 2.

I. The Order of the Provincial Aſſemblies, a
given in by the moſt ancient of the Miniſtry withi
Province, as the ancient Plat-Form thereof, orda
be obſerved, conform to the Roll Regiſtrate
Books of Aſſembly. *Seſ.* 23. & 24. Dec. 17.
Aſſ. 1638. *Art.* 11.

Follows the Tenor of the Roll containing the Number
Presbyteries in each Province, and the Bounds in wh
lie, and the Diets and Places of Meeting of each Synod.

1. *The Provincial Aſſembly of* Merſe *and*
viotdale.

The Presbyteries of { *Dunſe*, *Chirnſide*, *Kelſo*, *Erſleton*, *Jedburgh*, *Melroſs.* } The Bounds. { *Merſe*, *Teviotda*, The F *Lauderd*

To meet the firſt Time at *Jedburgh*, the third Tu
April.

2.

2. The Provincial of Lothian.

Presbyteries of { Dunbar, Haddingtoun, Dalkeith, Edinburgh, Peebles, Linlithgow } The Bounds, { East-Lothian, West-Lothian, Tweeddale.

neet the first Time at *Edinburgh* the third *Tuesday* of ril.

3. The Provincial of Perth.

Presbyteries of { Perth, Dunkeld, Auchterarder, Stirling, Dumblain. } The Bounds, { The Sheriffdom of *Perth* and *Stirlingshire*.

neet the first Time at *Perth* the second *Tuesday* of ril.

4. The Provincial of Dumfries.

Presbyteries of { Dumfries, Penpont, Lochmabane, Middlebee. } The Bounds, { *Nithsdale*, *Annandale*, *Ewsdale*, *Eskdale*, *Wachopdale*, & a part of *Galloway*.

neet the first Time at *Dumfries* the second *Tuesday* of

5. The Provincial of Galloway.

Presbyteries of { Wigtoun, Kirkcudbright, Stranraver. } The Bounds, { The Sheriffdom of *Wigtoun*, & Stewartry of *Kirkcudbright*.

neet the first Time at *Wigtoun* the third *Tuesday* of ril.

The Provincial Synod of Air *or* Irvin

The Presbyteries of { *Air*, *Irvine*, } The Bounds, { The She of *Air*.

To meet the Provincial Synod of *Glaſgow pro hac* first *Tueſday* of *April*.

6. *The Provincial Synod of* Glaſgo

The Presbyteries of { *Paiſly*, *Dumbartoun*, *Glaſgow*, *Hamiltoun*, *Lanerk*. } The Bounds, { Shire nor t ny o the *Clidd* ver 8

To meet the Provincial Synod of *Air* and *Glaſgow*, *pro hac vice*.

7. *The Provincial Synod of* Argyle, *deſi erected in ſeveral Presbyteries, acco the Note given in.*

The Presbyteries of { *Dunnoon*, *Kinloch*, *Inverary*, *Kilmoir*, *Sky*. } The Bounds, { The dom *gyle* with of *L*

To meet the firſt Time at *Inverary*, the Fourth *April*.

8. *The Provincial Synod of* Fif

The Presbyteries of { St. *Andrew's*, *Coupar*, *Kirkaldie*, *Dumfermling*. } The Bounds. { Tl do

To meet the firſt Time at *Coupar* in *Fife*, the fi of *April*.

he Provincial Synod of Angus & Mearns.

esby- of	Meegle, Dundee, Aberbrothwick, Forfar, Brechine, Mearns.	The Bounds.	The Sheriffdoms of Forfar & Mearns.

t the first Time at *Dundee* the Third *Tuesday of A*.

. The Provincial Synod of Aberdeen.

esby- of	Aberdeen, Kincardine, Alford, Garioch, Ellon, Deer, Turreff, Fordice.	The Bounds.	The Sheriffdoms of Aberdeen and Bamff.

t the first Time at New *Aberdeen*, the Third *Tues*. *April*.

1. The Provincial Synod of Murray.

esby- of	Inverneſs, Forreſs, Elgin, Strathbogie, Abernethy, Aberlour.	The Bounds.	The Sheriffdoms of Inverneſs in part, Nairn in part, Murray, Bamff in part, Aberdeen in part.

t the first Time at *Forreſs*, the laſt *Tueſday* of *A*

12. The Provincial Synod of Roſs.

esby- of	Chanonrie, Tain, Dingwall.	The Bounds.	The Sheriffdom of Inverneſs in part.

t the first Time at *Chanonrie* the Second *Tueſday* of

13. *The Provincial Synod of* Caithness.

The Presbyteries of	*Dornoch*, *Week*, or *Thurso*,	The Bounds.	*Caithness*, *Sutherland*.

To meet the first Time at *Dornoch*, the Third *Tuesday* of *April*.

14. *The Provincial Synod of* Orkney *and* Zetland.

The Presbyteries of	*Kirkwall*, *Scallaway*.	The Bounds.	The Sheriffdom of *Orkney* & *Zetland*.

To meet the first Time at *Kirkwall*, the Second *Tuesday* of *April*.

15. *The Provincial Synod of the* Isles.

ALL Kirks of the Northwest Isles, *viz. Skye*, *Lewis*, and the rest of the Isles, which were liable to the Diocy of the Isles, except the Southwest Isles which are joined to the Presbyteries of *Argyle*, to meet the first Time at *Sky*, the Second *Tuesday* of *May*. *Nota*, The *Commission*, by a Reference from Assembly 1644, did annex the Presbytery of *Biggar* to the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, (see *Biggar*) and the Presbyteries of *Air* and *Irvine* do now meet with the Synod of *Glasgow*; The Presbytery of *Dornoch* with the Synod of *Ross*, by Appointment of *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1704. And the Presbytery of *Zetland* is, by an unprinted Act in *Sess.* 9. *Ass.* 1715. disjoined from the Synod of *Orkney*.

THAT such of these Synodical Assemblies as are nearest to others have Correspondence among themselves, by sending one or two Commissioners mutually from one to another, as follows, *viz.* The *Provincials* of *Lothian* & *Merse*, &c. The *Provincials* of *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glasgow* and *Argyle*; The *Provincials* of *Perth*, *Fife* and *Angus*, &c. The *Provincials* of *Aberdeen* and *Murray*; The *Provincials* of *Ross*, *Caithness* and *Orkney* And the Commissioners for Correspondence amongst the Synods to be a Minister and Ruling Elder. *Ibid.*

. ALL Presbyteries are diſcharged thereafter to make Nomination of Perſons to be Moderators to their incial Aſſemblies: And *Provincials* are ordained, in firſt Meeting to elect their Moderators, and to e their own Liſts for that Effect; without tying ſelves to theſe Perſons who have been named and de- d in the particular Presbyteries. *Act Seſ.* 7. June 4. 1644.

. 'TIS recommended to Provincial Aſſemblies, that after they cauſe read all their Acts before the diſſol- of every Aſſembly; and that their Regiſters be en formally, and in a good Hand-writing, with the al Leaves and Pages thereof marked by Cyphers, rding to their Number. *Act Seſ.* 4. June 6. *Aſſ.*

viſions of Miniſters, ſee *Burghs, Act* 2. *tipends, Act* 1.

lms, *and* Pſalms in Iriſh, ſee *Bibles,* c. § 6. *Tunes common.*

A Commiſſion is granted to ſome Brethren, to exa- the *Paraphraſe* of the *Pſalms* ſent from *England*; to ob- what they think needs to be amended, and ſet down own Eſſay for correcting thereof: And for that Ef- 'tis recommended to them to make uſe of the Tra- f *Rowallan*, Mr. *Zachary Boyd*, or any Others on that ct; but eſpecially, our own *Paraphraſe*; and chooſe they find beſt in any of theſe Works: And likewiſe, ake uſe of the Animadverſions ſent from Presbyteries, to report their Labours to the *Commiſſion* of that Aſ- ly; who, after reviſing thereof, ſhall ſend the ſame rovincial Aſſemblies, to be tranſmitted to Presbyte- that by their further Conſideration, the Matter may ally prepared for the next Aſſembly: Empowering alſo to turn theſe *Pſalms*, which in the *Engliſh Para-* are turned to Verſes not agreeing with our com- Tunes, to Verſes agreeing thereto. And 'tis recom- ded to Mr. *Zachary Boyd* to tranſlate the other Scrip- Songs in Metre; and to report his Travels alſo to *ommiſſion* of that Aſſembly; that after their Exami- n thereof, they may ſend the ſame to the Presbyte- to be there conſidered, until the next General Aſſem- *Seſ.* 25. *Aug.* 28. *Aſſ.* 1647.

mine the new *Paraphraſe* of the *Pſalms* in Metre-Corrections and Animadverſions thereupon, ſeveral Perſons and Presbyteries; And to report *miſſion*, who, after Peruſal and Re-examination authorized with full Power to eſtabliſh the *Par* to publiſh and emit the ſame for publick Uſe. Aug. 6. *Aſſ.* 1649.

IV. 'Tis recommended to all Congregatio milies who worſhip God in the *Iriſh* Langua uſe therein of the *Paraphraſe* of the *Pſalms* in approven and emitted by the Synod of *Argyl* to the Act of the General Aſſembly 1690: where Preaching and Prayer are uſed in *Iriſh*, of *Pſalms*, at the ſame Diet, in a different L forborn thereafter, as an incongruous Way o ping God: As alſo, to make uſe of the Tranſl Shorter Catechiſm of this Church in *Iriſh*, b the ſaid *Pſalms* in one Volume, as an unifor Catechiſing the People. *Act* 20. *Aſſ.* 1694.

Publick Enemies.

'Tis appointed That ſuch as [illegible]

And such as have been guilty of any of the gross of Compliance express'd in the Act, shall acknow- ieir Offence publickly before the Congregation, suspended from the Communion, ay and while the same: And that all Persons in any Ecclesi- Office, guilty of any of these Degrees of Com- be suspended from the Office, and all Exercise for such Time as the Quality of the Offence, and idition of the Offenders shall be found to deserve. resbyteries are declared to have a Latitude and Li- o aggrege the Censures above specified, according Degrees and Circumstances of the Offences. And e Latitude and Liberty is given to the Commis- of the Assembly for publick Affairs; who have wer to try and censure the Offenders in Manner a- press'd; and to take account of the Diligence of eries therein. *Act Ses.* 14. June 17. *Ass.* 1646.

k Money, see *North, Act* 11, 14. *Pro- oners, Act* 6.

is recommended to His Majesty's Commissioner st His Majesty, That he would command, that ature of 500 *Lib. Sterl.* yearly, dedicated and gift- im, to be bestowed on publick, necessary and pi- of the Kirk, at the Sight of the General Assem- ght be sent to this Kingdom, and delivered to the tioners of this Assembly, or the Procurator for r. *Act Ses.* 11. Aug. 5. *Ass.* 1642.

is enacted, 1*mo.* That of Her Majesties yearly ce for defraying the publick Charges of the s Affairs, and paying the Salaries of the Church's Servants, there be always the Sum of One hun- unds *Sterl.* in Reserve, for answering any extraor- Emergents in the Church's Affairs. 2*do.* That *ission* of any Assembly, in Time coming, shall wer, and they are discharged to dispose of any the Church's Money, but of one Years Allow- ly, reckoning the Commencement of the Year e 24th of *June* in the Year preceeding. 3*tio.* That ar's Allowance be applied, in the first place, for ng the stated annual Charges of the Church quar- nd the necessary Exigents of every particular Year; in such Matters only, as during that Time shall which do immediately and directly concern the

publick Intereſt of the whole Church in general, and any Arrears of theſe that ſhall happen to be reſting: And in the next place, for Payment of the bygone Debts of the Church then reſting. And the Aſſembly diſcharges any new Orders to be given, or Precepts to be drawn upon any other Accounts, until all the Church's Debts be paid; but after Payment of all prior Debts, that which remains of each Years Allowance, may be beſtowed to ſuch other Uſes of the Church as ſhall be judged moſt proper. 4*to*. 'Tis declared. That no Appointments on the Procurator or Agents for the Church, to manage Proceſſes for particular Synods, Presbyteries or Miniſters, ſhall, in Time coming, warrant the Agents to lay out any Money therein, except there be a ſpecial Order of Aſſembly, agreeable to the preſent Rules, expreſly appointing them to that Effect. 5*to*. Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings quarterly, as the Money comes in, is appointed to be lodged in the Hands of one of the Agents for the Church, for defraying the ſaid incident Charges, for which they are to make an Accompt at each Aſſembly: And if any Balance ſhall be found due to them the ſame ſhall be paid to them, and the Sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings further; Or if the Balance that ſhall be found due by them ſhall not extend to that Sum the ſaid Sum ſhall be made up to them out of the firſt Money that comes in after clearing their Accompts. And *Laſtly*, The Receiver of the Church's Money, in deburſing thereof, is appointed ſtrictly to obſerve the foreſaid Rules; And he is diſcharged to make Payments in any other Manner or Order, as he will be anſwerable to the Aſſembly. *Act* 7. *Aſſ*. 1712.

III. The Aſſembly diſcharges the applying of any of the Church's publick Money, toward the Payment of the Expences of Proceſſes for Stipends, except in Pariſhes where *Popery* abounds, or ſuch as ſhall be recommended, both by the Presbytery and Synod to which the Pariſh belongs, and the Caſe be laid before the Aſſembly, and their particular Order given for that Effect before the Commencement of the Proceſs. And 'tis reſolved and declared, That for thereafter no new Warrants or Orders ſhall be granted for Payment of any Money to any Perſon whatſoever, except to Preachers ſent to ſupply in the *North* for their Allowances. And the Aſſembly diſcharges the Clerk of Aſſembly or Sub-Clerk to write out, or the Moderator of that or ſubſequent Aſſemblies to ſubſcribe any Orders or Warrants, for Payment of any new Grants out

of the Church's yearly Allowance, until all former Debts already contracted be firſt paid. And they reſolve and declare, That at no Time thereafter any Warrants for Money ſhall be granted, until it be known, there is as much in the Hands of the Receiver of the Church's Money, as will be ſufficient to anſwer the ſame. And they appoint the above written 7 *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1712, to be punctually obſerved; And do appoint the Procurator for the Church, when any Demands for Money come before the Aſſembly or *Commiſſion*, to acquaint them with the State of their Funds, and to read the foreſaid 7th *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1712, and this preſent Act to them. And the Committee choſen by each Aſſembly for auditing and reviſing the Church's publick Accompts, are diſcharged to propoſe the Giving either of Money or Precepts for Money, exceeding that Part of the Years Allowance belonging to that Aſſembly which is free and unappropriated: And they are appointed to bring their Report firſt to the Committee for Overtures, before it be brought in to the Aſſembly. And they are alſo appointed to call for the preſent Act, and any new Regulations that ſhall be made about Money, to be read to them yearly; and to reject all Petitions and Demands not in the Terms thereof; and to report an Account of any Breaches that ſhall be made therein to the Aſſembly. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Publick Worſhip, ſee *Worſhip.*

Purgation. Oath.

If a Perſon, accuſed of being the Father of a Child unlawfully begotten, do offer his Oath of Purgation, and crave the Privilege thereof, the Presbytery may, if they judge it for Edification and removing of the Scandal, allow the ſame: Which may be to this Purpoſe. *I A. B. now under Proceſs before the Presbytery of* ———, *for the Sin of* ———, *alledged to be committed by me with C. D. and lying under that grievous Slander, being repute as one guilty of that Sin; I, for ending of the ſaid Proceſs, and giving Satisfaction to all good People, do declare before God and this* ———, *That I am innocent and free of the ſaid Sin of* ———, *or having carnal Knowledge of the ſaid C. D. And hereby call the Great God, the Judge and Avenger of all Falſhood, to be Witneſs and Judge againſt me in this Matter, if I be guilty: And this I do, by taking his bleſſed Name in my Mouth, and ſwearing by him who is the Great Judge, Puniſher and Avenger, as ſaid is,*

and

move the Scandal, with the Advice of the Presl
may be most for Edification: But this Oath is
taken in any Case but this, When the Presum
so great, that they create such Jealousy in that C
tion and Session, that nothing will remove the
but the Man's *Oath of Purgation*; And when his
probably remove the Scandal and Suspicion: In
Cases this Oath is vain, and so should not be a
and never but by the Advice of the Presbytery.
This Oath is to be taken either before the Kirk-
Presbytery, or the Congregation, as the Presby
determine: And if taken before the Session or P
it is to be intimated in the Congregation; and
may be obliged to be present in the Congrega
may be put publickly to own his purging himself
and so be declared free from the alledged Scan
§ 9.

Nota, These three *Paragraphs* are not enjoined
ing Rules, but only recommended to be observe
Judicatures shall find to tend most to Edifica
the Ratification of the *Form of Process*, in the sai
Ass. 1707. and set down *supra* in *Process*.

Purity of Doctrine see Doctrine

Quakers.

'Tis recommended to all Provincial Synods, Presbyteries, Miniſters and Kirk-Seſſions, to uſe all proper Means for reclaiming of Quakers from their abominable Hereſies; and in caſe of their Obſtinacy, to proceed againſt them with the Cenſures of the Church; and eſpecially, againſt the Ringleaders, that are traffiquers for ſeducing of others. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1695.

Qualifications of Intrants to the Miniſtry, ſee *Probationers, Act* 1, 3, 5. *Students of Theology.*

Qualifications of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters.*

Qualifications of Members of Aſſemblies, ſee *Commiſſions to Members of Aſſembly, Act* 3, 4. *Aſſemblies, Act* 4. *Burghs, Act* 1.

Quality, and Perſons of Quality, ſee *Remedies of Sins,* and there, *Eccleſiaſtical Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs,* 9.

Queſtions, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 7. *Probationers, Act* 3, in fine. *Rolls,* &c.

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Rabbling, ſee *Tranſplantation,* &c. *Act* 3.

Ratification, ſee *Remonſtrance.*

THE King is ſupplicated for his Civil Sanction and Ratification of the Conſtitutions of the Aſſembly in Parliament. *Act* Aug. 30. *Aſſ.* 1639.

Readers, and Reading, ſee *Remedies of Sins,* and there, *Domeſtick Remedy,* 4. *Congregation, Schools, Act* 2. *Expectants, Act* 2. *Schoolmaſters, Act* 1.

Re-

Rebels.

PRESBYTERIES and Synods *reſpectivè* are ordained to proceed againſt the principal Actors in that Rebellion in the *North* and *South* with the higheſt Cenſures of the Kirk, if they give not Satisfaction by publick Repentance: And when the Sentence of Excommunication ſhould be pronounced, the ſaid Judicatories are diſcharged to relax any of them from the Sentence, without the Advice of the General Aſſembly or their *Commiſſion, niſi in extremis*: To whom alſo the ſaid Presbyteries and Synods are appointed to be anſwerable for their Diligence in the Premiſſes, as they ſhall be required. And 'tis recommended to the Parliament to cauſe take ſuch Courſe, as the Perſons guilty may be exemplarly puniſhed, according to the Merit and Degree of their Offence. *Seſ.* 6. June 13. *Aſſ.* 1644.

Rebuke private, ſee *Uncleanneſs*, *Relapſe*.

Receivers of Papiſts and excommunicated Perſons, ſee *Papiſts*, *Act* 11, 14. *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 13. *Excommunication*, &c. *Act* 2, 3.

Receiving depoſed Miniſters, ſee *Depoſed Miniſters*, *Act* 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Reception of Converts from Popery, ſee *Papiſts*, *Act* 9, 10.

Recommendations for Charity, ſee *Charity*.

Records, ſee *Synod-Books*, *Commiſſion-Books*, *Regiſters*.

References, ſee *Appeals*, &c. *Act* 2. *Overtures*, *Act* 5. *Aſſemblies*, *Act* 4. *Groſs Scandals*, *Act* 2. *Citation*.

I. 'TIS recommended to Presbyteries and Provincial Aſſemblies, to conſider all the Matters referred by preceeding Aſſemblies, to the Conſideration of Presbyte-

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ries, and to Report their Opinion therein to the Assembly. *Sess. ult.* June 18. *Ass.* 1646.

II. That Presbyteries and Provincial Synods consider all References of this and preceeding Assemblies, and send in their Opinion in writing to the next General Assembly. *Sess. ult. in fine* Aug. 12. *Ass.* 1648.

III. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies, to consider all Matters referred by this, or by any former Assemblies, and send in their Opinions therein in Writ to the next General Assembly. *Sess. ult.* Aug. 6. *Ass.* 1649.

Refusing of Voices, see *Dissenting Voices.*

Regents, see *Schools, Act* 4. *School-Masters, Act* 2.

Regiments, see *Papists, Act* 3. § 6. *Army.*

That all Colonels find Caution for maintaining of a Minister, and keeping of a Session in their Regiments. *Act Sess.* 7. Aug. 3. *Ass.* 1642.

Registers, see *Commission-Book, Provincial Assemblies, Act* 3. *Synod-Books.*

I. The Registers of the General Assemblies of the Church of *Scotland*, beginning *December* 1560, and ending in the Year 1590, contained in five Books, the first beginning at the Assembly holden the 20 Day of *December* 1560, and ending at the fourth Session of the Assembly holden the 28 Day of *December* 1566. The second beginning at the General Assembly holden the second of *June* 1567, and ending at the fourth Session of the Assembly holden at *Perth* the 9th of *August* 1572, both subscribed by *John Gray* Scribe. The third, being a Register of the Assembly holden at *Edinburgh* the 7th *August* 1574, and ending with the 12th Session being the last Session of the Assembly 1579. The fourth beginning at the Assembly holden at *Edinburgh* the 10th *May* 1586, and ending the 17th Session of the Assembly holden in *March* 1589. The fifth and greatest Volume beginning at the Assembly holden in *anno* 1560. and ending in the Year 1590, are approven by the Assembly, upon Report of a Com-

Committee appointed by them for trial thereof, and the Reasons of their Approbation are set down at length. *Acts Sess. 6. & 7. Nov. 27. & 28. Ass. 1638.*

II. An old Register of Assembly, beginning at the Assembly holden at *Edinburgh* the 6th Day of *March* 15[illegible] and ending at the Assembly likewise holden at *Edinburgh* in 1573, is approven and ordained to make Faith as an authentick Register of the Kirk of *Scotland*, upon the Testimony of a Committee appointed for reviling them, of, which is subjoined to the Act *Sess.* 18. *Aug.* 26, *Ass.* 163[illegible]

III. All Provincial Synods and Presbyteries are required to be careful in reviling of the Registers of the Judicatures under their immediate Inspection, and that they appoint a competent Number of the most sufficient and experienced Ministers for that Work, and when they find nothing to challenge in any Register, they give the same the Attestation following. *The Provincial Synod of —— having heard the Report of those appointed to revise the Presbytery-Book of —— and having heard the Remarks thereupon, and the said Presbytries Answers thereto: And it being enquired by the Moderator, if any other had any Complaints to make against the Actings of that Presbytery, and nothing appearing censureable, ordered the Clerk to attest this in their Presbytery-Book.* And so for the Registers of the Provincial Synods and Kirk-Sessions *mutatis mutandis*; but if there be any thing truly censurable in the said Book, and in it self Material, with Respect to Discipline, that it be recorded as censured, both in the Synod-Book, and Attestation. *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1700.

IV. 'Tis enacted and appointed, that there be two authentick Copys of the Registers of the General Assemblies, Committees and Commissions thereof, both subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk, one Copy whereof to ly in the Clerk's Custody, and the other Copy to be sealed and laid in some secure Place in the New Church of *Edinburgh*, or where the General Assembly or Commission shall appoint: As also, that a subscribed Extract of the Proceedings of each General Assembly be sent, a little after the rising thereof, to the several Synods within this Church, to be by them recorded in a Book, and all this to be done upon the publick Charges of the Church; And 'tis recommended to such Persons as have any of the Old Registers, or Papers belonging to the General Assembly, Commissions or Committees thereof, in their Custody, to deliver up the same to the Clerk

t of the General Aſſembly, to be by him kept for ublick Uſe of the Church, and that Miniſters and ıytries be at Pains in dealing with Perſons for that ŧ; and 'tis recommended to the Commiſſion to ſy theſe, who ſhall bring to their Clerk any of their rs or Regiſters foreſaid, as they ſhall find ſuch Per- deſerve. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1703.

THE foreſaid Recommendation anent the Regiſ- of the Church is renewed, and the Commiſſion wered to do according thereto. *Act* 27. *Aſſ.* 1704.

I. 'TIS recommended to all the Judicatures of this rch, to take ſpecial care that their Regiſters be cor- y written, and that they allow no Blottings nor In- lings; and if any thing ſhall happen to be blotted or ſuperfluous, that it be marked on the Margine, many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it done by the Authority of the Judicatory, and that : ſubſcribed by the Moderator and Clerk; and if thing be omitted, that it be written upon the Mar- and ſubſcribed by the Clerk of the Judicatory. 9. *Aſſ.* 1706.

II. 'TIS appointed, that a Copy of the Proceedings very Aſſembly be ſent to the Library of each of the verſities in *Scotland*, to be lodged there, and kept he Uſe of the Church and Judicatures thereof: and the Faculties of the Univerſities do, upon Receipt of e Copies, ſend in to the Commiſſion of each Gene- Aſſembly an Extract of the Act of their Faculty under r Clerks Hand acknowledging the Receipt of the Copies and that they are lodged in their Libraries in Truſt, for the Uſe and Behoof of the Church, obliging them to make them forthcoming to any of Judicatories of this Church that calls for them, up- their Receipt and Obligement to return the ſame; the *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1703, which ſee *Supra*, appointing pies to be ſent to each Synod is repealed: but the rk of the Aſſembly is allowed to give Copies to ſuch he Judicatures of this Church as ſhall call for them, n their own Expenſes. *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Relapſe

Relapse in Scandals, see *Remedies of Sins* and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 5.

A Person relapsing in Scandals should be called before the Session, and if found guilty, be there judicially rebuked, and the Session on promise from a due Sense of Sin to amend, may sist there. *Form Proc. Cap.* 3. § 5. *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1707, but if the Person amend not after that, the Session should orderly proceed, unless Repentance appear, and due Satisfaction be offered, until they inflict the Lesser Excommunication, and Suspension from sealing Ordinances, under which, the Censured is to ly until Amendment and Reformation, *Ibid.* § 4.

Relaxation, see *Gross Scandals*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *General Ecclesiastick Remedy*, 3.

Relevancy, see *Witnesses*.

Religion, see *Universities*, *Act* 2, 4, 5.

Remedies of Corruptions and Enormities in the Ministry, see *Ministers*, *Act* 1, 2.

Remedies (Civil) of Sins.

THAT every Congregation make use of the 9th Act Parliament 1645 at *Perth*, for having Magistrates and Justices in every Congregation, and of the 8th Act of the said Parliament, against swearing, drinking, mocking of Piety, and all other Acts of Parliament for restraining or punishing of Vice, particularly, for the better restraining the Sin of Whoredom, that each Magistrate in every Congregation exact, and make Compt to the Session of Fourty Pounds for each Fornicator and Fornicatrix, of one hundred Merks for each one of their Relapses in Fornication, of one hundred Pounds for each Adulterer and Adulteress, according to the express Acts of Parliament, which is to be exacted of these that may pay it, and the Discretion of the

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te is to modify it, according to the Ability or of each Delinquent.

Domeſtick Remedies.

AT care be taken of conſcionable receiving of that they have Teſtimonials of their honeſt ır, and that all ſuch as give Teſtimonials, take it theſe, to whom they give them, be free of ſwearing, lying, or ſuch like more common well as Fornication, Adultery, Drunkeneſs, and ɔſs and hainous Evils; that the ordinary time of eſtimonials be in the Face of the Seſſion; and if ordinary Exigent be, that it be given by the Mi- ith Conſent of the Elder of the Bounds wherein n craving the Teſtimonial hath reſided; and if re fallen or relapſed in ſcandalous Sins, that :ſtimonial bear both their Fall and Repen- 2. That care be had that the Worſhip of God be , and Diſcipline exerciſed in Families, accord- ne Directory for Family Worſhip in all things, appointed in the General Aſſembly 1647, e- in the Maſters conſtant Catechiſing of the Fa- id in the performance of the Duties of the Sab- all the Members thereof. 3. That Perſons to ied, and who have Children to be baptiſed, very Rude and Ignorant, be ſtirred up and as at all times; ſo eſpecially at that time, to ome Meaſure of Chriſtian Knowledge in the s of Religion, and that they give to the Mini- ore the Elder of the Bounds wherein they Live, count of their Knowledge, that ſo they may er teach their Family, and train up their Chil- That every Family that hath any in it that d, have a Bible and Pſalm Book, and make em, and where none can read, that they be ſtir- o train up their Children in reading; and uſe er good Remedy the Miniſter and Seſſion can

General Eccleſiaſtick Remedies.

IAT the Remedies which were given at *Perth* nd are mentioned in *Seſ.* 10. June 13. *Aſſ.* 1646, anent

anent the Sins of Miniſters, be put in Execution (vi
Act ſee in *Miniſters*, *Act* 2.) 2. That Suſpenſion fr
the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be more care
executed. 3. That Perſons relapſe in Adultery (o
bove) quadrulapſe in Fornication (or above) or
guilty of other groſs Scandals, be excommu
ſomewhat more ſummarly nor in an ordinary
(except there be more than ordinary Signs, and
nent Meaſure of Repentance made known to
ſion and Presbytery) both for the hainouſneſs o
and continuance therein, and for terror to oth
thoſe not to be relaxed from the Sentence of
munication, without Evidence and undeniable
Repentance. 4. That impartial proceeding be
gainſt Men of all Qualities for their ſcandalou
ing, and in particular for Drunkeneſs, Swearin
ther ſcandalous Sins, and this to be tried at th
tation of Kirks.

Particular Eccleſiaſtick Remedies.

I. That Miniſters catechiſe one Day every
wherein alſo they may baptize and lecture, or
and that they preach every Lord's Day, both bef
after Noon, according to the former Acts of Gen
ſemblies: That Presbyteries and Synods be very
of this, and that every Provincial Book contain
Account thereof. 2. That Miniſters examine all
ry Quality, of whoſe Knowledge they have no
Notice. 3. That young Perſons be catechiſed
Miniſter, from the Time they are capable of Inſt
and that they be not delayed till they be of Age t
municate. 4. That Perſons groſly ignorant be d
from the Communion: That for the firſt and
Time they be debarr'd, ſuppreſſing their Names;
third Time, expreſſing their Names; for the
Time, that they be brought to publick Repentanc
which is to be underſtood of them that profit no
and labour not for Knowledge: But if they be pr
in any meaſure, or labouring that they may profit,
Caſe is very conſiderable: They ought to have mor
bearance.

Eccleſiaſtick Remedies againſt Prophaneneſs.

1. THAT ignorant and ſcandalous Perſons be put off, and kept off Kirk-Seſſions. 2. That every Elder have a certain Bounds aſſigned to him, that he may viſit the ſame every Month at leaſt, and report to the Seſſion what Scandals and Abuſes are therein. 3. That all ſcandalous Perſons be ſuſpended from the Lord's Supper. 4. That the Miniſter deal in private with them that are profeſſing publick Repentance before the Elder of the Bounds, thus to try the Evidence of their Repentance. 5. That thoſe who have fallen in Fornication make publick Profeſſion of their Repentance three ſeveral *Sabbaths*; who is guilty of Relapſe in Fornication, ſix *Sabbaths*; who is guilty of Trilapſe in Fornication, or hath once fallen in Adultery, Twenty ſix *Sabbaths*: And theſe Sins to be confeſſed both in one Habit, *viz.* Sackcloth. Quadrulapſe in Fornication, and Relapſe in Adultery, three Quarters of a Year; Inceſt or Murder, a Year, or Fifty two Sabbaths, in caſe the Magiſtrate do not his Duty in puniſhing ſuch Crimes capitally. They that fall in Fornication, or relapſes therein, are firſt to confeſs their Sin before the Seſſion, and thereafter before the Congregation, They that are guilty of greater Degrees of that Sin, and of the other Sins mentioned in this Article; are to confeſs their Sin both before the Seſſion and Presbytery, there to ſhow ſome Signs of Repentance before they be brought to the Congregation. 6. Some are to be rebuked at the Time of Catechiſing, who deſerve more nor a private Reproof, and yet needs not to be brought to publick Repentance. 7. It would be a good Remedy againſt *Sabbath* Breaking by Carriers and Travellers, that the Miniſters where they dwell, cauſe them to bring Teſtimonials from the Place where they reſted on theſe Lord's Days wherein they were from Home. 8. That all Perſons who flit from one Pariſh to another have ſufficient Teſtimonials: This is to be extended to all Gentlemen and Perſons of Quality, and their Followers, who come to reſide with their Families at *Edinburgh*, or elſe where; and that the Miniſter from whom they flit advertiſe the Miniſter to whom they flit, if, to his Knowledge, they be lying under any Scandal. 9. That Miniſters be free with Perſons of Quality for Amendment of their Faults; and (if Need ſhall be) that they take thereto the Help of ſome of the Brethren of the

the Presbytery, *nisi in extremis*. And that Mi
special Notice of such Persons as haunt with
nicants, and process them. 14 Frequent C
ence betwixt Presbyteries is a good Remedy.
at the Visitation of each Congregation, the S
be well visited; and for that Effect, that it b
to two or three Brethren seven or eight Days
Visitation, that their Report of it may be i
against the Day of Visitation. *Act Sess.* 38. A
1648.

Remonstrance.

REMONSTRANCE of the General Assem
King CHAR. I. publickly professing their L
faithful Subjection; and in Testimony of th
and Uprightness of their Affection to His Ma
Happiness, humbly and faithfully representin
great and growing Dangers from the Displ
provok'd People, and most of all, from the
cleaveth fast to his Throne; particularly, the
mentioned in the *Remonstrance*, and which wo
him and his Posterity under the Wrath of th
God, if not timeously repented of: And there
ing him to serious Repentance: Shewing him

Removing out of this Church.

HAT no Miniſters who have actual Standing, and ute Relations to any Charge in the Church of *Scot-* remove out of the Kingdom, without the Conſent e reſpective Judicatories of this Church, *Act* 9. *Aſſ.*

entance publick, ſee *Remedies againſt Sins*, id there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedies againſt rophaneneſs*, 4, 5 & 6. *Abſolution*, *Groſs candals*, *Excommunication the Greater*.

oning or Reſtoring Miniſters, ſee *Depo-d Miniſters*, *Act* 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. *Miniſters*, *ct* 5. § 13.

Repreſentations.

E Repreſentations made by the *Commiſſion* of Aſſem-'11 to Q. *Anne*, againſt the Act of Toleration and nage-Act. are approven as moſt faithful and ſea-le; and the ſaid Repreſentations are, by Order of ſſembly, *verbatim* inſert: And the *Commiſſion* is em-'d to advert carefully to the Concerns of the Church above Particulars, and are ordained to uſe all du-and proper Means for obtaining Redreſs of what is, y be found therein grievous, and to lay hold on eve-Occaſion for that Effect. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Repreſentatives in Aſſemblies.

THAT the Repreſentation of the ſeveral Presbyteries is National Church in its General Aſſemblies, ſhall Proportion to the Number of Pariſhes in which are, or ought to be ſettled Miniſters within each ytery, as follows, *viz.* That all Presbyteries con-; of 12 Pariſhes, or under that Number, ſhall ſend o Miniſters and One Ruling Elder; And that all yteries conſiſting of 18 Pariſhes, or under that Num-ut above 12, ſhall ſend in Three Miniſters and One g Elder; And that all Presbyteries conſiſting of 24 ies, or under that Number, but above 18, ſhall in *Four Miniſters* and Two Ruling Elders: And

Laſtly, That all Presbyteries conſiſting of above riſhes, ſhall ſend Five Miniſters and Two Ruling to the General Aſſemblies. And 'tis declared, Th legiate Kirks, where there uſes to be two or moe M are, ſo far as concerns the Deſign of this Act, und to be as many diſtinct Pariſhes. And no Perſons be admitted Members of Aſſemblies, but ſuch a ther Miniſters or Ruling Elders. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1694.

II. THE Aſſembly, according to the Deſign of 5. *Aſſ.* 1694. (which ſee *ſupra*) founding upon a l tion to be obſerved betwixt the Number of Mi Charges in Presbyteries, and the Number of Rep tives, does declare and appoint, That each Pr whoſe Number doth exceed Thirty Miniſterial C ſhall ſend to the Aſſembly Six Miniſters and Three Elders. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Reproof, ſee *Remedies of Sin*, and then *cleſiaſtick Remedy*, 6.

Reſidence of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters*, and there, *Corruptions in their Perſon Lives*, § 4.

THAT every Miniſter be obliged to reſide in Pariſh at his ordinary Manſe, for the better atten the Duties of his Calling, conform to the Acts of blies, *viz.* at *Edinburgh*, March 24. 1595. *Seſs* 7. 25. 1563. *Seſ.* 5. Decem. 25. 1565. *Seſ.* 4. and 6. 1572. *Seſs* 3. This is to be found in *Act Seſ.* 23 Dec. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. § 5.

Reſidence of Noblemen, ſee *Tranſplan* &c. *Act* 1. § 4.

Reviſers of Books, ſee *Rolls*, *Synod Act* 5.

Rolls, ſee *Commiſſioners to Aſſemblies*, *Synod-books*, *Act* 5.

THE ſeveral Synods are appointed to make up of all Matters that have been, or ſhall be recom by Aſſemblies to enquire at Presbyteries; And t

Roll is ordered to be inſerted in their Regiſter, and given in to the Viſiters of the Presbytery-books: And the Viſiters are ordered to take Notice of, and report the Diligence of Presbyteries in executing the Acts and Recommendations of Aſſembly. And 'tis agreed, that the Aſſembly ſhall make up a Roll of all Matters appointed to be enquired at Synods: And every new Act and Recommendation, ſo ſoon as they are made, are ordained to be added to the ſaid Rolls, that the Aſſembly may know how their Acts and Recommendations are obſerved by the ſeveral Synods and Presbyteries. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1712. The Act is appointing the more frequent Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Rolls of Expectants, ſee *Liſts of Expectants.*

Rols-Synod, ſee *Supplies, Act* 2. *Caithneſs, Act* 3. *Orkney.*

Running of Goods.

All Men are warned of the Sin, Evil and Danger of running uncuſtom'd Goods: And all Miniſters, eſpecially in Sea-trading Towns and Places, are ſtrictly enjoined to repreſent to their People and Hearers, the great Impiety and monſtrous Wickedneſs of ſuch Methods, to gain this World to the endangering of their Souls; and earneſtly to obteſt them, to abſtain from ſuch crying Sins and deadly Courſes. And this Act is ordained to be read once in all Churches, and as oft in particular Pariſhes, as the Prudence of Miniſters ſhall direct. *Act* 9. *Aſſ.* 1719.

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Sabbath, ſee *Papiſts, Act* 4, in princ. *Lord's Day.*

I. For preventing the Prophanation of the *Sabbath* in Landward, eſpecially for Want of Divine Service in the Afternoon; the Act of Aſſembly holden at *Dundee* July 12. 1580. *Seſ.* 10. for keeping both Diets, is ordered to be put in Execution. *Seſ.* 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Sess.* 15.

II. THE Execution of the old Acts of Aſſemblies againſt the Breaking of the *Sabbath*-day, by Going of Mills, Salt-pans, Salmon-fiſhing, or any ſuch-like Labour, is recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries. And the Act of the Aſſembly holden at *Holywoodhouſe* 1602. *Seſ.* 5. diſcharging and inhibiting all ſuch Labour of Fiſhing, as well White Fiſh as Salmon-Fiſh, and Going of Mills of all Sorts upon the *Sabbath*-day, under the Pain of incurring the Cenſures of the Kirk: And ordaining the Commiſſioners of that Aſſembly to mean the ſame to His Majeſty, and to deſire, that a pecunial Pain might be enjoined upon the Contraveeners of the ſaid Act; is revived and renewed. and the Tenor thereof ſubjoined. *Seſ.* 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *in fine*, & *Act Seſ.* 11, Aug. 29. *Aſſ.* 1639.

III. 'TIS recommended to Kirk-Seſſions and Preſbyteries, carefully to put in Execution the Acts of former General Aſſemblies againſt Prophanation of the Lord's Day; and particularly, by unneceſſary Sailing and Travelling. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1690. § 4.

Sabbath-breaking, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 7. *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 2.

Sackcloth, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 5.

Sacrament, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 6, 7, *Baptiſm*, *Lord's Supper*, *Propoſitions*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *General Eccleſiaſtick Remedy*, 2. *Articles of* Perth.

THE Adminiſtration of the Lord's Supper to ſick Perſons in their Houſes, and all other Uſe of the ſame, except in the publick Aſſemblies of the Church; And alſo the Adminiſtration of Baptiſm in private, that is, in any Place, or at any Time when the Congregation is not orderly called together to wait on the Diſpenſing of the Word, are diſcharged: And the ſaid Act is appointed carefully to be obſerved, when and wherever the Lord giveth his People Peace, Liberty, and Opportunity for their

publick Aſſemblies. And 'tis appointed to be publickly intimated in all the Churches. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1690.

Sacramental Teſt, ſee *Grievances in the Church.*

Sailing ſee *Sabbath, Act* 3. *Lord's Day, Act* 2.

Saint Andrew's, ſee *Tranſplantation*, &c. *Act* 1. § 3.

Salmon-Fiſhing, ſee *Sabbath, Act* 2. *Lord's Day, Act* 1.

Salt-pans, ſee *Sabbath, Act* 2.

Sanction *(Civil)* ſee *Ratification.*

Saturday's Mercats, ſee *Mercats.*

Scalloway, ſee *Caithneſs, Act* 1.

Scandals, and Scandalous Perſons, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 8, 9. and, *Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives*, § 1, 2, 3, 8. *and Act* 5. *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 3. *and, General Eccleſiaſtick Remedy*, 4. *Oaths, Act* 1. *Relapſe, Groſs Scandals, Excommunication the Greater, Soldiers, Cenſures, Bounds of Juriſdiction, Spreading of Scandals, Single Acts, Correſpondence, Act* 2. *Competency of Judicatures*, &c. *Act* 2,

I. ALL Presbyteries and Provincial Aſſemblies are ordained to conveen before them ſuch as are ſcandalous and malicious, and would not acknowledge that Aſſembly, nor acquieſce unto the Acts thereof; and to cenſure them, according to their Malice and Contempt, and Acts of the Kirk; And where Presbyteries are refractory, Power is granted to the ſeveral *Commiſſions*, to ſummon them to compear before the next Aſſembly, to abide their Trial and Cenſure. *Act Seſſ.* 26. Dec. 20. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. PRES-

II. PRESBYTERIES are allowed, if they find to ſend in to the General Aſſembly or *Commiſſion* the Names of ſcandalous Perſons of whatſoever C guilty of groſs Immoralities, and contumacious to (diſcipline; with a full Extract of the Proceſs, t may proceed againſt them as they ſee Cauſe. *Act* 1700.

III. THAT the Church proceed to the Cenſure communication againſt Perſons, who, being ch for Scandal, do turn *Popiſh*, or pretend to do ſo Cenſure, after all the due Pains taken to reclai proves ineffectual. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1704.

IV. 'TIS ordained, That after Perſons, the C of whoſe Scandals makes it neceſſary to bring th ner than once before the Congregation, are convi the Seſſion, that it be judicially declared to ther they have rendred themſelves uncapable of Com with the People of God in ſealing Ordinances; a they be appointed to appear in publick to be rebu their Sin, conform to the Inſtitution, 1 *Tim.* v. 20. referred to the reſpective Judicatories of the Chur cerned to determine how oft ſuch Delinquents ſhal in publick, as they ſhall find it to tend moſt for Edi And 'tis ordained, That after a publick Rebuke, miſter and Elders be at farther Pains, in inſtruc Minds of the ſcandalous Perſons, if ignorant, in vouring to convince their Conſciences, and to brin to a due Senſe of their Sin, and to an Engagement rious Reſolution againſt all known Sin, and to t formance of all known Duty; and that the Seſſion Satisfaction with their Knowledge, and Senſe of th do admit them to the publick Profeſſion of their F ance, in order to Abſolution: But if, after takin on them for ſome competent Time, for their Inſt and Conviction, they ſtill remain groſly ignorant, ſible and unreform'd; That the Miniſters and El adviſe with the Presbytery of the Bounds; and Presbytery ſhall ſee Cauſe, that then the Sentence o Excommunication be publickly pronounced again in face of the Congregation: From which they to be relaxed, nor admitted to make publick Pr of their Repentance in order thereto, till the Seſſ ſatisfied with their Knowledge, Serioufneſs and Re tion. And Laſtly. The Names of ſuch as are un Cenſure of the Leſſer Excommunication are ord

be publickly read out the Lord's Day immediately preceeding that, upon which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be adminiſtrated. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1705.

Scandalous Behaviour.

SCANDALOUS Behaviour may be ſo Laſcivious and Obſcene. and cloathed with ſuch Circumſtances, as may be as offenſive as the Act of Uncleanneſs it ſelf and as cenſureable. *Form. Proc, Cap.* 4. § 5. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Schiſm, ſee *Impiety, Groſs Scandal, Excommunication the Greater.*

I. ALL Presbyteries and Synods are enjoined to Cenſure all ſuch Perſons who do, within their Bounds, carry on diviſive Courſes, and that they vigorouſly uſe all ſuitable Means for reclaiming miſled People, and for the preventing the Growth of Schiſm; and that the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly give their Aſſiſtance in this good Work to the ſeveral Judicatures, as need ſhall require, and referring to the Commiſſion to cognoſce in the Complaints made againſt Mr. *John M'Millan* and Mr. *John Hepburn*, for their diviſive Courſes, or to ſend a Committee to the Bounds of *Dumfries* and *Galloway* for both theſe Affairs, and viſiting theſe Bounds, which Committe ſhall concur with the reſpective Judicatories there, in cognoſcing of any Schiſm or Immoralities that may have fallen out. and of Error and Inſufficiency in any that may be delated on that Account. *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1704.

II. ALL Presbyteries and Synods are ſtrictly enjoined to take particular notice of all their Members, Miniſters, Preachers. or others, and if they find them fall into Irregularities, or Schiſmatical Courſes, that they call them to an Account, and Cenſure them according to the demerit of their Fault, even to Depoſition of Miniſters and Elders, and apply to the Commiſſion for their Advice, and Report their Diligence to the next Aſſembly. This Act contains a particular Reference to the Commiſſion, of the Diſorders and Schiſmatical Courſes of Mr. *James Farquhar* Miniſter at *Tyrie*, and Mr. *John M'Neil* Probationer. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Scholars, ſee *Univerſities*, *Act* 4.
Schools, ſee *Viſitation of Colleges*, &c. *Colleges*, *Libraries*, *Act* 3. *Chriſtian Knowledg*, *Act* 3, 7, 10. *Bibles*, &c. § 3. *Highlands*, *Act* 1. § 3. *Act* 5. § 4. *Papiſts*, *Act* 14, 16.

I. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries, to ſee to the ſettling of Schools in every Landward Parish, and providing of Men able for the Charge of teaching of the Youth, publick Reading and precenting of the Pſalm, and Catechiſing of the common People, and that Means be provided for their Entertainment in the moſt convenient Manner that may be had, according to the Ability of the Pariſh, and the particular Courſe is referred to the ſeveral Presbyteries. *Act Seſ.* 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 6.

II. 'Tis appointed, 1*mo*. That every Pariſh have a Reader and a School, where Children are to be Bred in Reading, Writing, and Grounds of Religion, according to the laudable Acts both of Kirk and Parliament made before, and where Grammar Schools may be had, as in Burghs, and other conſiderable Places (among which all Presbyterial Seats are to be reputed) that they be erected, and held Hand to. 2*do*. That every Miniſter with his Elders, give Account to the Presbytery at the Viſitation of the Kirk, anent theſe Schools, that Presbyteries make Report to the Synod, and the Synod to the General Aſſembly, what Schools are planted, as aboveſaid, and how they are provided with Men and Means. 3*tio*. That the Miniſters of every Pariſh inſtruct the Commiſſioners to the next Aſſembly, that this Courſe is begun betwixt and then, and that they further certify from one General Aſſembly to another, whether this Courſe be continued without Omiſſion, or not. 4*to*. 'Tis recommended to His Majeſty and the Parliament, to put in Execution the Means formerly appointed for Schools of all Sorts, and to find out further Means for ſo good an Uſe, eſpecially, that Children of poor Men, (being very capable of Learning and of good Ingines) may be trained up according as the Exigence and Neceſſity of every Place ſhall require. 5*to*. That the Parliament be ſupplicated to allot Maintenance for Youths

of the fineſt and beſt Spirits in the Highlands and Borders, as Burſars to be Bred in Univerſities. *6to.* That a Committee be appointed to conſider the Time and Manner of Viſitation of Schools, and to contribute the beſt and moſt compendious & orderly Courſe of teaching Grammar, who may Report their Diligence to the Aſſembly. *Act. Seſ.* 11. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642.

III. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries within this National-Church, to uſe their Endeavours that Schools be erected in every Pariſh within their reſpective Bounds, conform to the Acts of Parliament and General Aſſemblies, and Synods are ordained to make particular Enquiry, how this Recommendation is obſerved. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1699.

IV. 'Tis appointed and ordained, that Miniſters take care to have Schools erected in every Pariſh, conform to the Acts of Parliament for teaching of Youth to read *Engliſh*, that the Poor be taught upon Charity, and that none be ſuffered to neglect the teaching of their Children to read: And ſicklike, that in no Pariſh the Miniſter recommend Youth to be taught *Latine* upon Charity in any Grammar School, but after examining the ſaid Child or Children in Preſence of three or four Members of the Seſſion, as to their Promptitude and Dexterity in reading, and competent Skill in Writing, as to their virtuous Inclinations, and as to the Hopefulneſs of their Proficiency, and that none be received into Grammar Schools to be taught *Latine* upon Charity, but upon ſuch Recommendations; And alſo that each Presbytery appoint a Committee of their Number yearly to examine the poor Scholars in the Grammar Schools, and ſuch within their Bounds as go to the Colleges with an Eye to Burſaries, and ſuffer none to proceed but ſuch as are very forward and good Proficients, and of good Behaviour, and that Miniſters recommend none to Burſaries, but ſuch as are ſo qualified; And it's recommended to Regents and Maſters of Colleges, that no Perſons, eſpecially Burſars, be Laureate but upon a clear Evidence of ſufficiency of their Learning and good Behaviour after ſtrict Examination: And ſicklike, 'tis recommended to Maſters in Univerſities, and all other Inſtructors of Youth, that they be careful to inſtruct their Scholars in the Principles of the Chriſtian reformed Religion, according to the holy Scriptures, our *Confeſſion of Faith*, or ſuch Books only, as are entirely agreeable thereto.

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nd if that ſucceed not, to give an Account Diligence to the *Commiſſion*, who are empowered nem by Application to the Government, or o- ; competent. And as to wide and ſpacious Pa- at require more Schools than one, the *Act* 14. anent erecting Schools in the *Highlands* (which is renewed, and continued until altered by the , and the Execution thereof recommended to ies, And 'tis recommended to Synods and Preſ- to ſend to the *Commiſſion* diſtinct Accounts what n their Bounds have or want Schools, and what eaſons why they want the ſame, what Places do l them, and what is the Extent of theſe Pariſhes pacious, and what are the Places in each Pariſh venient for fixing Schools in, one or more; and ſend an Account of the Names of ſuch Students opeful, and whom they could recommend for thoſe Schools: And the *Commiſſion* is ordained to der and record theſe Accounts. And Presbyte- ippointed to deal earneſtly with the Patrons of 'ariſhes, to apply the vacant Stipends for the a- s. And 'tis recommended to the *Commiſſion*, to ncouragement to ſuch as encline to enter into So- erecting and maintaining Schools; and to think ures for that Purpoſe. And the *Commiſſion* is or- enquire what is become of the Money collected 'teries for erecting Schools in the *Highlands*, in : of the foreſaid Act 1704, and to uſe Endea- nake the ſame effectual: And Presbyteries are to report their Diligence to the *Commiſſion*, and ive particular Accounts to the next Aſſembly, ier Acts about Schools in every Pariſh, and Viſi- ereof *&c.* are obſerved. And 'tis recommended ient Aſſemblies, to appoint particular Commit- ceive Reports of Presbyteries in that Matter, to :fore ſucceeding Aſſemblies. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1707.

Maſters, ſee *Congregations, Confeſſion of , Act* 3, 8. *Chriſtian Knowledge, Act* 6. *s Common.*

s recommended to the Parliament or Commit- antation of Churches, that whatever either in Pariſhes

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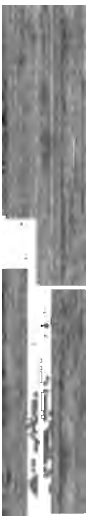

for Worſhip, be drawn away from the Church
ult. Aug. 6. *Aſſ.* 1649.

II. ALL Presbyteries are appointed to ta
particular, and exact Notice of all School-Maſt
lains, Governours, and Pedagogues of You
their reſpective Bounds, and oblige them t
the *Confeſſion of Faith* of this Church, as the
of their Faith; and in caſe of continued
(after Admonition) Error or Immoralities, o
teaching erroneous Principles, or not being
educate thoſe under their Charge in the Pro
formed Religion, that the Presbytery, with
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and Heritors in Landward, and with Reſpe
vernours, Chaplains, and Pedagogues to Maſt
moving ſuch Perſons from theſe Offices; and
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to School-Maſters, apply to the Commiſſion
ment for Viſitation of Schools and Colleges
appointed that an Account be given in, every
to the Presbytery by Miniſters, what Schoo
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riſhes. And 'tis recommended to Maſters o
to take care, and uſe their Authority for the G

Grammar Schools within their Bounds, by ſome of their Number appointed for that Effect, at leaſt twice every Year; & alſo, Synods are appointed, at their Privy Cenſures, to enquire at Presbyteries, how they have obeyed this Recommendation: And 'tis recommended to the reſpective Presbyteries in the Highlands, who are appointed to contribute for Burſaries to be beſtowed on Students having the *Iriſh* Language, that they pay the ſame punctually, conform to the Act of Aſſembly thereanent. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1706.

Scriptures, ſee *Worſhip, Act* 2. § 2, 3.

Scriptural Songs, ſee *Pſalms, Act* 1, 2.

I. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries of this Church, to endeavour to promove the Uſe of the Scriptural Songs in private Families within their Bounds, according to the Recommendation of the late Aſſembly, and for facilitating the Aſſemblies Work in preparing the ſaid Songs for publick Uſe: 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries to buy up the printed Copies of the ſaid Songs, and compare them with the Originals, and make further Amendments thereon, and the Amendments already made thereon, are ordained to be printed and tranſmitted. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1706.

II. The reviſing of the Scriptural Songs is recommended to Presbyteries, and they are deſired to tranſmit their Opinions about them to the next Aſſembly, and in the mean time, a Committee nominated by the Commiſſion of the laſt Aſſembly, for reviſing the ſame, is renewed. *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1707.

III. The Commiſſion is appointed to conſider the printed Verſion of the Scripture Songs, with the Remarks of Presbyteries thereupon; and after Examination thereof, they are impowered to conclude and eſtabliſh that Verſion, and to publiſh and emit it for the publick Uſe of the Church, as was formerly done on the like Occaſion, when our Verſion of the Pſalms was publiſhed, in the Year 1649. ſee *Pſalms, Act* 3. And 'tis recommended to Miniſters and others, to buy up for private Uſe, in the mean time, the Copies of them that are lying on the Author's Hands. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Secret Council, ſee *Acts of Secret C*

Secret Worſhip, ſee *Worſhip ſecret.*

Secular Trades and Employment
ged in **Miniſters**, ſee *Miniſters. A*
there, *Corruptions in their Perſons*
§ 3.

Sentences againſt Miniſters, ſee *D*
niſters, &c. *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, a
Corruptions in their Perſons and
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Church-Judicatory, upon Account of the la
amongſt *Presbyterians*, from the Year 1650, u
introduction of *Prelacy*, are declared of the
and null to all Effects and Intents: And 'tis
ed to the reſpective Presbyteries to take Care,
theſe Miniſters as are not otherwiſe diſpos
Church, return to the Exerciſe of their Min
reſpective Congregations; And to the Civi

turned into an Act of Aſſembly: And every Miniſter is appointed to be careful to try and ſearch, if any ſuch Books be brought to this Country from beyond Seas; and if any ſhall be found, to preſent the ſame to the Preſbyteries, that ſome Courſe may be taken to hinder the Diſperſing thereof. And 'tis recommended to the Civil Magiſtrates, to concur with their Authority in all Things, for effectual Execution thereof. *Act Seſſ.* 7. Aug. 9. *Aſſ.* 1643.

Separatiſts, ſee *Diſcipline, Act* 9.

'TIS referred to the *Commiſſion* to proceed to cenſure Mrs. *John M'Millan* late Miniſter at *Balmaghie*, *John Taylor* late at *Wamphray*, *John M'Neil* and *John Adamſon*, pretended Preachers; and Mrs. *John Hepburn* at *Orr*, and *James Gilchriſt* at *Dunſcore*, Separatiſts from the Church; or to apply to the Civil Magiſtrate againſt them. And the Preſbytery of *Dumfries* is ordained to proceed againſt Mrs. *Hepburn* and *Gilchriſt*, or refer the Matter to the *Commiſſion*: And the *Commiſſion* is inſtructed to apply to the Civil Government, for ſuppreſſing the Diſorders of all of them, and puniſhing ſuch as are guilty of ſolemnizing Marriages clandeſtinely. And Presbyteries are appointed to ſend Informations of theſe Things to the *Commiſſion*, that the ſame may be laid before the Government. And the ſeveral Presbyteries and Brethren in thoſe Countries where *Popery* abounds, or where Epiſcopal Preachers do intrude into Pariſhes, Churches, Manſes or Gleibs, are appointed to ſend in to the Lord Juſtice-Clerk, the Lord Advocate or Solicitor, particular Informations, containing the Facts, Parties Names, the Circumſtances of the Tranſgreſſion, ſuch as Time, Place, *&c.* with Liſts of the Witneſſes their Names and Deſignations, that can prove the ſaid Facts. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1715.

Sermons, ſee *Funeral Sermons.*

Servants, ſee *Profaneneſs, Act* 1, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domeſtick Remedy*, 1.

Service-book, ſee *Evils of the Kirk, Common Prayer-Book.*

Seſſions and their Diets, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 8. *Kirk-Seſſions, Regiments.*

Seſſion-Books, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 15.

THAT the Seſſion-Books of every Pariſh be preſented once a Year to the Presbyteries, that they may be tried by them. *Act Seſ.* 22. Aug. 29. *Aſſ.* 1639. *Art.* 4.

Sheils (Mr. Alexander) ſee *Linning* (Mr. Thomas)

Ships, ſee *Lord's Day, Act* 2.

Shorter Catechiſm, ſee *Catechiſm, Act* 4.

Shortning of Proceſſes, ſee *Competency*, &c. *Act* 1.

Silence of Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 2, and there, *Enormities in their Callings*, § 4.

THAT every Miniſter do, by the Word of Wiſdom, apply his Doctrine faithfully againſt the publick Sins and Corruptions of the Times; and particularly, againſt the Sins and Scandals in that Congregation where he lives, according to the Act of the Aſſembly 1596, *March* 26. *Seſ.* 7. Revived by the Aſſembly at *Glaſgow* 1638. *Seſſ.* 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. *Art.* 9. Cap. *Corruptions in Office*, (which ſee in *Miniſters*) appointing, That ſuch as ſhall be found not applying their Doctrine to Corruptions, which is the Paſtoral Gift; or be found cold, and wanting Spiritual Zeal; or Flatterers, and diſſembling publick Sins, eſpecially of great Perſonages in their Congregations, ſhall be cenſured according to the Degree of their Fault; and, if continuing therein, ſhall be depoſed, according to the *Act Seſſ.* 10. June 13. *Aſſ.* 1646. Cap. *Remedies, Art.* 15. (which ſee alſo in *Miniſters*) appointing, That beſide all other Scandals, Silence, or ambiguous Speaking in the publick Cauſe; much more Detracting and diſaffected Speeches, be ſeaſonably cenſured: That the Errors and Exorbitancy of Sectaries in *England* be not paſs'd over in Silence; but *plain* Warning be given of the Danger of ſo near a Con-

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tagion, that People may beware of it: And ſuch as neglect this Duty, are ordered to be cenſured by their Preſbyteries, and that conform to the foreſaid Acts: That the main Current of Applications in Sermons run along againſt the Evils that prevail at Home; and namely, againſt the Contempt of the Word, againſt all Prophaneneſs, againſt the preſent Defection from the *League and Covenant*; and againſt the Unlawful Engagement in War, againſt the unlawful Bond and Engagement of the Date the 10th of *June* 1648, ordained to be ſubſcribed by all the Subjects; and other unjuſt Decrees, eſtabliſhed by Law, againſt the Plots and Practices of Malignants, and againſt the Principles and Tenets of *Eraſtianiſm*, which ſpread amongſt divers in this Kingdom. For the better Confutation whereof, 'tis recommended to Miniſters to ſtudy that Point of Controverſy well, that they may be the more able to ſtop the Mouths of Gainſayers: And 'tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries and Provincial Synods, that they may make ſpecial Enquiry and Trial concerning all the Miniſters in their Bounds; and if they be found too ſparing, general, or ambiguous in the foreſaid Applications and Reproofs; that they be ſharply rebuked, dealt with, and warned to amend, under pain of Suſpenſion from their Miniſtry: And if they amend not, that ſuch Miniſters be ſuſpended by their Presbyteries; and in caſe of their Negligence, by the Synods, until the then next Aſſembly: But if there be any who do neglect and omit ſuch Applications and Reproofs, and continue in ſuch Negligence after Admonition and dealing with them, they are ordered to be cited, and after due Trial of the Offence, to be depoſed: Much more are ſuch Miniſters appointed to be cenſured with Depoſition from their Miniſtry, who preach for the Lawfulneſs, or pray for the Succeſs of the Unlawful Engagement, or that go along with the Army themſelves; or who ſubſcribe any Bonds, or take any Oaths not approven by the General Aſſembly or their Commiſſioners; or who, by their Council, Countenance or Approbation, make themſelves acceſſory to the taking of ſuch Bonds and Oaths by Others; or who preach in Defence of, or pray for Succeſs to the Sectaries in *England*. And in caſe any Miniſter, for his Freedom in Preaching, and faithful Diſcharge of his Conſcience, ſhall be, in the Face of the Congregation or elſe where, upbraided, railed at, mock'd *or* threatned; or if any Injury or Vio-

lence be done to his Perſon, or any Stop or Diſturbance made to him, in the Exerciſe of his Miniſterial Calling; the Presbytery of the Bounds is forthwith ordered to enter in Proceſs with the Offender; and, whoever he be, to charge him to ſatisfie the Diſcipline of the Kirk by publick Repentance: Which if they do not, or refuſe to do, the Presbytery is to proceed to Excommunication againſt him. In all which, Presbyteries and Synods are to give an Account of their Diligence: And that Act is appointed to be intimated in the ſeveral Congregations of this Church. *Act Seſſ.* 26. Aug. 3. *Anſ.* 1648. *Note*, The Effects of this Act were in ſome Sort taken off by *Act* 13. *Anſ.* 1690. Which ſee in *Sentences againſt Miniſters.*

Simſon (Mr. John) ſee *Doctrine, Act* 2, 3, 4.

Sins of the Time, ſee *Silence of Miniſters, Remedies of Sins.*

Single Acts of Scandals.

One ſingle Act of Drunkenneſs, or Breach of the Lord's Day, Diſobedience to Parents, or Swearing, Curſing, Scolding, Fighting, Lying, Cheating or Stealing, may be clothed with ſuch Circumſtances, as may be a juſt Ground of Proceſs immediately, and even bring the Guilty under the Leſſer Excommunication, or Suſpenſion from ſealing Ordinances, and require their Appearance in preſence of the Congregation, to be rebuked before Relaxation: But 'tis to be duly pondered, whether private Admonition of the Perſon guilty of the above Scandals, not clothed with ſuch Circumſtances, or the bringing them to publick, will tend moſt to Edification: And the Judicatures are to proceed accordingly. *Form Proc. Cap.* 3. § 1. *Act* 11. *Anſ.* 1707. But ordinarily, in all ſuch Offences, the Guilty is, for the firſt Fault, to be ſpoken to in private by the Miniſter or an Elder, and admoniſhed; and on promiſe, from a Senſe of Guilt, to amend, they may liſt there. *Ibid.* § 2.

Sitting Proceſs, ſee *Single Acts,* &c. *Relapſe.*

Skippers, ſee *Lord's Day, Act* 2.

Skye-Presbytery, ſee *Argyle.*

Slan

Slanders, ſee *Confeſſion of Parties, Miniſters, Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Perſons and Lives,* § 2.

SYNODS and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed diligently in proceſs with the Cenſures of the Kirk, even to the higheſt, againſt all Perſons who ſhall reproach or ſcandalize Miniſters, according as they ſhall find the Degree and Quality of the Scandal deſerves. *Act Seſſ.* 13. Aug. 6. *Aſſ.* 1642.

Society or Fellowſhip-Meetings, ſee *Impiety.*

Socinian Errors, ſee *Erroneous Doctrine.*

Soldiers.

I. MINISTERS, Kirk-Seſſions and Presbyteries are appointed to apply to the Magiſtrates of the Bounds and alſo to the Commanding Officer on the Place from Time to Time, as Need requires; and to crave, That both Officers and Soldiers under Scandals, may be obliged to ſubmit to the Diſcipline of the Church, according to Law and Her Majeſty's Gracious Proclamation againſt *Prophaneneſs:* And if this ſhall be refuſed or delayed, the Aſſembly appoints the Matter to be laid before the *Commiſſion,* that they may do further therein what the Law directs. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1710.

II. Kirk-Seſſions are adviſed to proceed, without Delay, againſt Soldiers under Scandals, ſo ſoon as the Scandal breaks out: And in caſe the Soldiers guilty be removed from their Bounds, before any Scandal breaks out, or during the Dependence of the Proceſs againſt them; 'tis allowed, that the ſcandalous Soldiers ſatisfie Church-Diſcipline in the Pariſh where they are quartered for the Time: And the Kirk-Seſſion of that Pariſh is to report what is done, to the Kirk-Seſſion of the Pariſh in which the Scandal broke out, or where the Proceſs was commenced, that they may cauſe intimate the ſame in their Congregation. And Church-Judicatures are adviſed to proceed with all Tenderneſs and Prudence in dealing with Strangers, ſo that the Ends of Church-Diſcipline may be reached. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1712.

Solemn League, ſee *Covenant*, *Acts* 2, 3. *Parliament of* England, *Act* 3. *Supplication*, *Act* 4.

Solicitations for obtaining Benefices, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 2, 3. *& Act* 2, and there, *Enormities in their Callings*, § 1.

Sorcerers, ſee *Groſs Sins*.

Speakers againſt the Covenant.

THAT ſuch as have ſubſcribed the Covenant, and ſpeak againſt the ſame, if he be a Miniſter, ſhall be deprived, and if he continue ſo, being deprived, ſhall be excommunicated; and if he be another Man, ſhall be dealt with as perjured, and ſhall ſatisfie publickly for his Perjury. *Act Seſſ.* 1. Aug. 5. *Anno* 1640.

Speech Directing, ſee *Ordering the Aſſembly-Houſe*, *Act* 1, § 3.

Speech of the Commiſſioner to, and Moderator of Aſſembly.

THE King's Commiſſioner's Speech, and the Moderator's Speech made at Aſſembly 1695, are printed amongſt the Acts of that Aſſembly, in *Act* 7.

Spiritual Songs, ſee *Scriptural Songs*.

Sponſors, ſee *Baptiſm*.

Spreading of Scandals.

MEMBERS of Kirk-Seſſions are wiſely to conſider the Information they get of Scandals, and conſult with their Miniſter thereanent, even before the ſame be communicated to Others; that thereby the Spreading of the Scandal may be prevented, and it may be removed by private Admonition, according to our Lord and Saviour's Rule, *Matth.* xviii. 15. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 1. *Act* 11. *Anno* 1707. And when it appears fit, that the Party be privately ſpoken to, before Citation, the Miniſter is to

exerciſe his own Diſcretion, and to take the Concurrence of Elders and Others with him. *Ibid.* § 4.

Stipends, ſee *Vacant Stipends, Plantation of Kirks, Papiſts*, &c. *Act* 15, in fine.

I. 'Tis recommended to the Commiſſion of Parliament for Plantation of Kirks, &c. to give due Diſpatch and Encouragement to all Proceſſes for Modification and Locality of Stipends, that ſo Miniſters may have a ſuitable Maintenance, and a Competency for Communion-Elements, and ready Acceſs thereto. And 'tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries, to ſend in an Account to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly or Agent for the Kirk, of ſuch Pariſhes in their Bounds as either want legal Stipends, or want Decreets for their Stipends and Communion-elements; and to ſend therewith an Account of the State of ſuch Pariſhes, and of the Church, Manſe and Gleib thereof: And that in all Tranſportations in Time coming, previous Enquiry be made if there be a legal Stipend and a Decreet therefore, in the Pariſh craving the Tranſportation. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1702.

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to give Information to the *Commiſſion*, anent Mortifications and Stipends that have been dilapidated or ſuppreſs'd: And the *Commiſſion* is appointed to be aſſiſtant to Miniſters in recovering thereof. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1706.

Strangers, ſee *Communion, Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 7.

Stranrawer Presbytery.

The Pariſhes of *Ballantrae* and *Calmunel*, are disjoined from the Presbytery of *Air*, and annexed to *Stranrawer*, and the Pariſhes of *Kirkmabreck*, *Kells*, *Dalry*, and *Carſfern*, are disjoined from *Kirkcudbright*, and annexed to *Wigtoun*. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1699.

Strathbogie-Presbytery.

Strathbogie Presbytery is disjoined from *Aberdeen*, and again annexed to the Province of *Murray*, as formerly. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1700.

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Seſ. ult. Sept. 1. *Aſſ.* 1647.

Students of Theology, ſee *Miniſtr Act* 4. *Probationers, Trials.*

I. 'Tis appointed, that ſtrict Enquiry b to the Piety, Gravity, Prudence, Sobriety, and Learning of ſuch as are offered to in order to paſſing their Trials, and that ſuc who have not ſufficient Teſtimonials from of their good Behaviour and Sufficiency, (a uſual School Degrees be enquired after, tho a neceſſary Qualification) or at leaſt, ſho found to have retrieved their loſt Time at their after Diligence. As alſo, that ſuch as ed to be Vain, or imprudent, or Proud, minded, by the Generality of ſober intellige who converſe with them, ſhall be kept back ſacred Work. *Item.* 'Tis required of the P Divinity, that they require of ſuch Studer imploy in any Exerciſes, Teſtimonials fron ties where they have ſtudied, and Places

II. 'Tis appointed, That the Commiſſioners from the ſeveral Presbyteries within this Church bring in an Account to the General Aſſembly yearly, of all the Students of Divinity, who have paſt their Trials in order to the Miniſtry, from one Aſſemby to another. As alſo, of all others who have not paſſed Trials, that have an Eye to the Holy Miniſtry, and to attend the Leſſons of the ſeveral Profeſſors of Divinity in the Univerſities, and perform the Exerciſes enjoined them there, that a Roll may be made of them, and their Names read in open Aſſembly, and recorded in the Regiſters thereof. *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1697.

III. 'Tis ſeriouſly recommended to the ſeveral Preſbyteries of this Church, to keep a watchful Eye over all Students of Theology, and to be careful that none be licenſed to Preach or admitted into Churches, but ſuch as ſhall give Evidence of their Orthodoxy, by ſigning the *Confeſſion of Faith*, approven by former General Aſſemblies of this Church, and ratified by Law in the Year 1690, as the Confeſſion of their Faith; and of their good Affection to the Government of Church and State; of their peaceable Principles and Diſpoſition, by engaging to obſerve good Order, in Conjunction with, and a due Subjection to the Judicatures of this Church, and of their Literature, by abiding a ſtrict Trial; and ſhall own the Presbyterian Government of this Church, to be agreeable to, and founded upon the Word of God; and promiſe never to endeavour, directly nor indirectly, the Prejudice or Subverſion thereof, according to former Acts of Aſſemblies thereanent. *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1705.

Subchanters, ſee *Titles of Dignity*.

Subſcribing of the Covenant, ſee *Covenant*, *Act* 1, 3, 5. *Expectants*, *Act* 2. *Students of Philoſophy*.

Summar Excommunication, ſee *Excommunication the Greater*, *Act* 1. *in princ. Remedies of Sins*, and there, *General Eccleſiaſtick Remedy* 3.

Summons, ſee *Citation*, *Groſs Scandals*.

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Superior Judicatures, ſee *Depoſed Miniſters, Act 6.*

Superſtitious Days, ſee *Yule-Day.*

Supplies, ſee *Vacant Churches.*

Supplies for the North, ſee *North.*

I. THE Synods be South *Tay* are ordained to ſend Miniſters for Supply of Vacancies in the *North*, until the next Aſſembly. And 'tis recommended to the reſpective Presbyteries, punctually to ſupply the Kirks of thoſe that go *North*, or are upon the Commiſſion or Committee for the *North*. Act 14. Aſſ. 1694.

II. SUPPLIES of Miniſters are ſent to *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*. And 'tis appointed that ſuch as have the *Iriſh* Language in Lowland Congregations, be ſent in Miſſion, and upon Calls tranſported by the Commiſſion, and that in the ſame Way as other Miniſters are appointed to be tranſported to the *North*. Act 14. Aſſ. 1696.

Supplication, ſee *Large Declaration, Confeſſion of Faith, Act 4. Ratification, Unity in Religion, Act 1. Petition, Tithes.*

I. RESOLVED, That an humble Supplication be directed to His Majeſty, teſtifying the Aſſemblies moſt hearty Thankfulneſs for His Royal Favour manifeſted in his publick Indiction of their ſolemn Meeting, for purging and Preſervation of Religion, and informing him from themſelves of their moſt religious and loyal Deſigns in their Proceedings, and entreating His Majeſty's Approbation and Ratification in the then enſuing Parliament to their Conſtitutions. This Supplication is ſubjoined to *Act Seſ.* 26. Dec. 20. *Aſſ.* 1638.

II. SUPPLICATION by the Aſſembly 1642 to King *Char.* I. craving that His Majeſty would advance the Uniformity of Church-Government betwixt the two Kingdoms. *Seſ.* 8. Aug. 3. *Aſſ.* 1642.

III. SUPPLICATION by the General Aſſembly 1648, to the Committee of Eſtates, entreating them to take ſuch Courſe, as that the Declaration and Bond, of the

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Date the 10th of *June* 1648, inſert in *Seſ.* 18. July 28. *ante Merid.* which ſee in *Declaration*, be no further preſſed upon the People of God, that they would think upon an effectual Remedy for puniſhing and redreſſing the Violence and Oppreſſion of Officers and Soldiers in their Quarterings, and otherwiſe, that they would take off the Inhibition laid upon Printers, whereby one of the Kirk's Privileges confirmed by Parliament is reſtrained; and that they would ſeriouſly ponder the Aſſemblies Declaration concerning preſent Dangers and Duties (inſert in *Seſ.* 21. July *ult. Aſſ.* 1648, *poſt Merid.* which ſee in *Declaration*) then offered to them. *Seſ.* 25. Aug. 2. *Aſſ.* 1648.

IV. SUPPLICATION by the General Aſſembly 1648, to the King, declaring their Duty and Loyalty to His Majeſty, wiſhing His Majeſty a righteous and peaceable Reign, faithfuly warning him of his Danger and Duty, declaring their Sympathy with him in his Sufferings and low Condition, and their Abhorrence of what has been done to his Perſon, and entreating him to ſee the righteous Hand of the Lord in writing bitter Things againſt him for all his Provocations, eſpecially, for reſiſting the Work of Reformation, and authoriſing by his Commiſſions, the ſhedding of the Blood of God's People, and exhorting him to Repent, declaring their Senſe of the Unlawfulneſs of the Engagement, and beſeeching His Majeſty not to own it, or have any Hand in it, and entreating him to give his Royal Aſſent for enjoining the League and Covenant in all his Dominions, and for ſecuring Religion, and to employ his Royal Power for advancing of the Kingdom of the Son of God. *Seſ.* 40. Aug. 11 *Aſſ.* 1648.

Supplying of Regiſters, ſee *Regiſters*.

Suſpending from the Lord's Table, ſee *Scandals*, &c. *Act* 4. *Propoſitions*, &c.

Suſpenſion, ſee *Hepburn* (Mr. *John*) *Act* 1.

Sutherland Provincial, ſee *Caithneſs*, *Act* 1 *Supplies*, *Act* 2.

Swearing, ſee *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 2.

Synods, ſee *Diſſenting Voices, Viſitation of Colleges, &c. Act.* 2. *Provincial Aſſemblies, Novations, Act* 1.

Synods Acts, ſee *Provincial Aſſemblies, Act* 3.

Synod-Books and Records, ſee *Papiſts, Act* 3. § 3. *Act* 8. § 6. *Act* 12. § 4. *Rolls.*

I. THAT the Clerk at leaſt ſubſcribe every Synod-Book before it comes to the Aſſembly, and that every Act be noted in the Margine for a Directory of Expedition. *Overt. & Act Seſ.* 11. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642.

II. THAT the Books of every Provincial Aſſembly be brought and produced to every General Aſſembly, and that every Clerk to the Provincials either bring, or ſend their ſaid Books yearly to the General Aſſemblies, by the Commiſſioners ſent to the Aſſemblies from theſe Presbyteries where the Clerks reſide, ay and while ſome Means be provided, whereby the Clerk's Charge may be ſuſtained for coming with the ſaid Books themſelves, and that under the pain of Deprivation of the Clerk in caſe of his Neglect, and of ſuch Cenſures of the ſaid Commiſſioners, in caſe of their Neglect, as the Aſſembly ſhall think convenient. *Act Seſ.* 3. July 29. *Aſſ.* 1642.

III. 'TIS recommended to all Synods to take care that their Regiſters be compleatly filled up, always before the ſitting of the General Aſſembly, and that the Proceedings of every Synod be ſigned both by the Moderator and Clerk thereof; and the Synod-Books thus filled up and ſubſcribed are appointed to be timeouſly produced to the General Aſſembly yearly, in order to their being reviſed. *Act* 11. *Aſſ* 1698.

IV. ALL Synod-Books are ordered in time coming, to be punctually brought in, and preſented to the General Aſſembly yearly, in the beginning thereof, according to the ancient laudable Cuſtom. *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1702.

V. THE following Roll or Liſt of Matters is appointed to be put in the Hands of the Viſiters of Synod-Books at each Aſſembly, for their Direction and Aſſiſtance in viſiting the ſaid Books, and the Viſiters in going thro' the ſaid Books, are carefully to advert. 1*mo*. If the Advices marked in the former Atteſtations of the Synod-

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Books be obſerved. 2*do.* If the Books be compleatly filled up and ſigned by the Moderator and Clerk, as is enjoined by the *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1698, and be produced yearly, according to the *Act* 3. *Aſſ.* 1702, both which ſee *ſupra.* 3*tio,* If the Synods Proceedings be agreeable to the Conſtitutions of this Church and Acts of Aſſembly; and if the Regiſter be correctly written and ſpelled, without Contractions; and when there is any thing written on the Margine, which ſhould have been in the Body, if it be ſigned by the Clerk, and where Words are blotted out as ſuperfluous, if it be marked on the Margine how many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it was done by Authority, and if the Marginal Note be ſigned by the Moderator and Clerk, and if there be any Blottings or Interlinings in the Regiſter. ſee *Act* 9. *Aſſ.* 1706, in *Regiſters.* 4*to.* If the Synods do call their Presbyteries to an Account as to their Care about Miniſters reading and expounding a large Portion of Scripture in their Congregations every *Lord's Day,* according to *Act* 9. *Aſſ.* 1694. *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1704. and *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1706. all which ſee in *Leſtwing:* And as to their preaching Catechetical Doctrine, according to *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1695 which ſee in *Catechetical Doctrine.* 5*to.* If care be taken that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be adminiſtrated in each Pariſh, at leaſt once every Year, and where any Miniſters neglect the ſame, if they be called to an Account, and if their Excuſes be either approven, or diſapproven as is enjoined by *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1702, which ſee in *Lord's Supper.* 6*to.* If Synods enquire concerning Presbyteries holding Parochial Viſitations, and Miniſters viſiting of Families, according to the 16 *Act* of *Aſſ.* 1706, which ſee in *Viſitations Preſbyterial,* &c. The buying and reading of the Acts and Overtures of the General Aſſembly, according to *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1700. & *Act* 18. *Aſſ.* 1705, both which, ſee in *Acts* of *Aſſembly,* and concerning their Diligence in obſerving the Acts againſt Prophanity, particularly, *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1699. which ſee in *Prophaneneſs,* and enquire after Mortifications for pious Uſes, as is enjoined by *Act* 22. *Aſſ.* 1700, which ſee in *Viſitations Presbyterial,* &c. 7*mo.* If Synods call their Presbyteries to an Account, as to the Pains they take to get a School ſettled in every Pariſh, and provided with a ſufficient Maſter and Maintenance, according to Law, and take care that the School be viſited, *conform* to *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1703. and *Act* 5. *Aſſ.* 1707.

1707, both which ſee in *Schools*; and if Presbyteries c tribute for Burſars having *Iriſh*, according to the 13 of Aſſembly 1706, which ſee in *School-Maſters*; an the Synods Advice be taken anent Licenſing Prot oners, according to *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1711, which ſee in *bationers*. 8*vo*. If Synods enquire at Presbyteries cerning the encreaſe and decreaſe of *Popery*, and o Errors, and the Pains taken to reclaim erroneous ſons, ſee *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1707, in *Papiſts*. 9*no*. If Synods care to have the Acts of Aſſembly, particularly, *A Aſſ.* 1712, concerning a Contribution for promo Chriſtian Knowledge, obſerved; and if the Acc of their Diligence in theſe Matters be recorded conf to *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1710, *&c.* (See all the Acts to this l poſe in *Chriſtian Knowledge*.) 10*mo*. If Presbytery B be punctually produced, reviſed and atteſted, an Presbyteries undergo their privy Cenſures every Sy and if there be a Roll made up of Matters recomm ed by the General Aſſembly to Synods, and if the Roll be recorded, and a Copy thereof given to the ſiters, according to the *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1712, which ſe Rolls. 11*mo*. That the Viſiters of Synod-Books c municate all their Remarks on theſe Books to ſom the Synod, and hear them thereupon before they b the ſame into the Aſſembly. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1713.

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Tack, ſee *Miniſters*, *Act* 1. and there, C *ruptions in their Office*. § 10.

Taylor, (Mr. *John*) ſee *Separatiſts*.

Teſtimonials, ſee *Schools*, *Act* 4. *Expecta Act* 1. *Burſars*, *Act* 3. § 9. *Act* 8. 12. *l feſſors of Theology*, *Act* 2. *Remedies of S* and there, *Domeſtick Remedy* 1. *and Eccl aſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs*, 7, *Papiſts*. *Act* 4. § 3, 5. *Prophaneneſs*, *Ac*

Probationers, Act 1, 3, 5. *Students of Theology, Act* 1. *Schools, Act* 4. in fine, *Children, &c. Act* 2. *North, Act* 8, 12. *Abſolution.*

THAT all Probationers that apply to Presbyteries bring not only ſufficient Teſtimonials, but alſo a Letter from a known Perſon to the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery write to them from whom the Teſtimonials come (if need be) to know the Verity thereof. *Act* 13. *Aſſ.* 1695.

Thankſgivings, ſee *Orders of the Church, Faſts.*

A ſolemn Thankſgiving for the Nations Deliverance from the threatned Invaſion by *France* in Favours of the Pretender, is appointed by *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Theology, ſee *Burſars, Profeſſors and Students of Theology.*

Time of going to Church, ſee *Kirk, Tithes.*

THE Parliament is ſupplicated, that beſide the ſettleing of Miniſters Stipends done by the Act of Parliament, aboliſhing Patronages, the Tithes mentioned in that Act may be affected with the Burden of pious Uſes within the reſpective Pariſhes; and for this Effect, that the ſitting of the Commiſſion for Plantation be haſtned. *Act &c.* 23. July 24. *Aſſ.* 1649.

Titles of Dignity.

THAT ſince the Office of *Dioceſian*, or *Lordly Biſhop* is all utterly abjured and removed out of this Kirk, it is thought fit, that all Titles of Dignity ſavouring more of *Popery* than of Chriſtian Liberty, as Chapters with their Elections and Conſecrations, Abbots, Priors, Deans, Arch-Deacons, preaching Deacons, Chanters, Sub-Chanters, and others having the like Title flowing from the Pope, and Canon Law only, as teſtifieth the ſecond Book of Diſcipline, be alſo baniſhed out of this reformed Kirk, and

never to be uſurped or uſed hereafter, u
cal Cenſure. *Seſ.* 23. & 24. Dec. 17. *Art.* 19.

Toleration, ſee *Repreſentations, the Church.*

Trade, ſee *Running Goods.*

Trades and Employments ſetul in Miniſters, ſee *Miniſters, Ac Corruptions in their Perſons and*

Tranſplantation or Tranſporta *pends.*

I. 'Tis appointed, 1*mo.* That no T granted without Citation of Parties ha The Miniſter who is ſought and his Par they can oppoſe, and the Matter is to co the Presbyteries, *viz.* That wherein the whoſe Tranſportation is ſought, and t tery to which he is ſought: If the Ki Presbyteries, and if the Presbyteries agre ter is to be brought to the Synod or G which of them ſhall firſt occur after the tation is ſought; and if the Synod occ not, or if there be Appeal made from it ter is to come to the General Aſſembl Miniſter may be tranſplanted from a pa gation where he can only do good to a Place where he may benefit the whole becauſe in Reaſon, the whole is to b Part, ſuch as *Edinburgh.* 1*mo.* Becau Juſtice Courts ſit there, as Council, Sel neral, Exchequer, *&c.* and it concerns that theſe Fountains of Juſtice be kep point of Faith and Manners. 2*do.* Be great Confluence to *Edinburgh* from T many of the chief Members of the who it concerns the whole Kirk to have the who apparently are to be Inſtrument Kirk and Kingdom in good Temper. the more eaſily be done, 'tis recommen

that ſome young Men of excellent Spirits be upon the Charges of the Town, trained up at home or abroad, toward the Miniſtry from Time to Time. 2*do.* The Aſſembly declares they mean not that all the Places of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh* be filled with Miniſters to be tranſported by Authority of this Act, but only till they be provided of one Miniſter, tranſplanted by the Authority of the Aſſembly for every Kirk in *Edinburgh*, and that the reſt of the Places be filled up, either according to the general Rules of Tranſportation for the whole Kingdom, or by Agreement with the actual Miniſters and their Pariſhes, with Conſent of the Presbytery or Synod to which they belong. 3*tio.* 'Tis found that it is a tranſporting of Miniſters for publick Good, that Colleges having the Profeſſion of Divinity be well provided of Profeſſors, wherein the College of Divinity in St. *Andrews* is firſt to be ſerved, without taking any Miniſters or Profeſſors out of *Edinburgh*, *Glaſgow*, or *Aberdeen*, and then the reſt of the Colleges are to be provided for, as their Neceſſity ſhall require; yet in Reſpect of the preſent Scarcity, it were good for the Univerſities, to ſend abroad for able and approved Men to be Profeſſors of Divinity, that our Miniſters may be kept in their paſtoral Charges, as much as may be, Towns alſo wherein Colleges are, are very conſiderable in the Matter of tranſportation. 4*to.* All Congregations where Noblemen have their chief Reſidence, are to be regarded, whether planted or unplanted, and a care is to be had, that none be admitted Miniſter where *Popiſh* Noblemen reſide, but ſuch as are able Men, eſpecially for Controverſies, by ſight of the Presbytery. And moreover, it is neceſſary, that ſuch Miniſters as dwell where *Popiſh* Noblemen are, and are not able for Controverſies, be tranſported. 5*to.* They who deſire the Tranſportation of a Miniſter, ſhould be obliged to give Reaſons for their Deſire, neither ſhall any Presbytery or Aſſembly paſs a Sentence for Tranſportation of any Miniſter, till they give Reaſons for the Expediency of the ſame, both to him and his Congregation, and to the Presbytery whereof he is a Member, if they do acquieſce to the Reaſons given, it is ſo much the better, if they do not acquieſce, yet the Presbytery or Aſſembly, by giving ſuch Reaſons before the paſſing of the Sentence, ſhall make it manifeſt, that what they do is not *pro arbitratu vel imperio* only, but upon Grounds of Reaſon. 6*to.* Becauſe there is ſuch

Scarcity of Miniſters having the *Iriſh* Tongue, Neceſſity requires, that when they be found in the Lowlands, they be tranſported to the Highlands, providing their Condition be not made worſe, but rather better by their Tranſportation. 7*mo*. In point of voluntary Tranſportations, that no Miniſters tranſact or agree with any Pariſh to be tranſported thereto, without a full Hearing of him and his Pariſh before the Presbytery to which he belongs in his preſent Charge, or Superior Church Judicatories, if need ſhall be. 8*vo*. The planting of vacant Kirks is not to be tied to any, either Miniſter or Expectants within a Presbytery, but a free Election is to be, according to the Order of the Kirk, and Laws of the Kingdom. 9*no*. That the chief Burghs of the Kingdom be deſired to train up young Men of excellent Spirits for the Miniſtry, according to their Power, as was recommended to *Edinburgh*, which Courſe will, in time, God willing, prevent many Tranſportations. *Act Seſſ.* 11. Aug. 5. *Aſſ.* 1642.

II. 'Tis recommended to all Pariſhes, who are or may be vacant, that before they deſign the Calling of any Miniſter already fixed in another Congregation, they firſt ſeriouſly eſſay and follow other Means of providing themſelves, if they can be found; and it is recommended to all Presbyteries, that they do not concur in any ſuch Call, or deſign of tranſporting a Miniſter from one Congregation to another, unleſs by due comparing of Places, and all Parties concerned, the Diſproportion betwixt them, and the greater Good of the Church be manifeſtly evident. And ſicklike, when any ſuch Deſign of Tranſportation is purſued, the Aſſembly ordains, that all Parties concerned therein ſhall Debate with ſuch Meekneſs and brotherly Kindneſs as becometh Parts and Members of the ſame Body of Chriſt, deſigning the Good of the whole, and that they repreſent their Reaſons and Anſwers with due Perſpicuity, and all poſſible Brevity; and that they do not needleſly expatiate on things which concern not the true Merits of the Cauſe, and the Aſſembly prohibits all lengthening of Debates by Replies and Duplies, unleſs the Judicatory before whom the Debate lies, find it neceſſary for clearing ſome Matter of Fact, or becauſe of ſome new Matter that hath occured, which could not be conſidered before, and to prevent unneceſſary and contentious Appeals in ſuch Matters. 'Tis declared and ordained, that if both the com-

competing Pariſhes be within the Bounds of the ſame Presbytery, in that caſe, the Deciſion and Sentence of the Presbytery ſhall take effect, and be obeyed; or if the Pariſhes be in different Presbyteries, but both Presbyteries within the ſame Synod, in that caſe, the Deciſion and Sentence of the Synod ſhall alſo take effect and be obeyed; yet always allowing Liberty to any Perſon or Pariſh, who think themſelves grieved, to Appeal to ſuperior Judicatures, to have Redreſs by taking off the Sentence, and cenſuring the reſpective Judicatory complained of, if they be found to have maleverſed; but with this Certification, That if any be found unneceſſarily to purſue Appeals and Complaints, they ſhall be ſeverely Cenſured therefore. *Act 6. Aſſ.* 1694.

III. To prevent the rabbling of Meſſengers by the People and horrid Prophanation of the *Lord's-Day*, which frequently falls out in Caſes of Tranſportation, when the defending Parties or Pariſh are to be ſummoned, 'tis appointed and ordained, that the Miniſter himſelf, being ſummoned *apud acta* at the Presbytery, or if abſent, by the Presbyteries Letter, be preſent at the Day appointed for hearing the Cauſe: He alſo be ordered to intimate out of the Pulpit to the Heritors, Elders, and others concerned in the Pariſh, that there is ſuch a Call, and ſuch a Tranſportation deſigned; and if any of them have a mind to defend their Right to their Miniſter, they are to be preſent at the Presbytery on ſuch a Day, and ready to make their Defences; for which Cauſe the Aſſembly ordains the Call, with the Reaſons thereof, to be given or tranſmitted to the Miniſter, to be by him communicated to them, and appoints this Method of Citation in Caſes of Tranſportations, to be obſerved, only where the Presbyteries concerned ſhall ſee cauſe, to take that Courſe, in which Caſe the Citation ſo given, is declared to be a valid Citation, but that it ſhall be optional to the Presbytery to follow this Courſe, or do it by Officials as formerly. *Act 7. Aſſ.* 1704.

Travellers, and **Travelling**, ſee *Lord's Day, Act 3. Sabbath, Act 3. and Sabbath-breaking.*

Trials, and Trial of Intrants, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office,* § 1, 2, 3, 4. *and Act* 2, and there, *Remedies of their Enormities,* §2. *and Act* 7. *Expectants, Act* 1, 3, 4. *Students of Theology, Act* 1, 3, *Schools, Act* 4. *Probationers, Viſitations of Kirks,* &c. *Act* 1.

'Tis appointed, That ſtrict Notice be taken of ſuch as paſs their Trials in order to the Miniſtry; and for that End, all former Acts of Aſſembly made in relation thereto, and in particular, the Article allowed by the General Aſſembly 1596. and approven in the General Aſſembly 1638, *Art.* 13. *Seſ.* 7. (which ſee in *Miniſters Admiſſion)* renewed *ult.* Aug. 1647. *Seſſ.* 27. anent the Age of ſuch; (which ſee in *Expectants)* as alſo, the Tenth Act of the Aſſembly 1694, (which ſee in *Probationers)* and the 22 Act of General Aſſembly 1696. (which ſee in *Students)* are all ratified and revived. And further, 'tis ordained, That the Catechetick Trials be not perfunctoriouſly gone about; and that Presbyteries do appoint ſome of their Number to examine them in their own Preſence, upon the ſeveral Heads of Divinity, and the Government of the Church, and to know what Reaſon they can give of their Faith, and Sentiments in theſe Matters; and if they can anſwer ſome principal Objections, and that previouſly to all other Parts of their Trials: And that this be not done haſtily, but that a particular competent Time be allowed for that purpoſe; and that there be one Trial alſo given to Probationers, of their Gifts as to Lecturing: And all the ſeveral Synods are required and enjoined, at their privy Cenſures, to make ſtrict Enquiry, how the Presbyteries within their Bounds have obſerved this, and other Acts of Aſſembly made to this purpoſe. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1704.

Trilapſe in Fornication, ſee *Remedies of Sins,* and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy againſt Prophaneneſs,* 5.

Tunes Common.

'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to uſe Endeavours to have ſuch Schoolmaſters choſen as are capable to teach

the Common Tunes; and to take Care that Children be taught to ſing the ſaid Tunes: And that the ſaid Schoolmaſters not only pray with their Scholars, but alſo ſing a Part of a *Pſalm* with them at leaſt once every Day. *Act* 7. *Aſſ.* 1713.

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Uncleanneſs, ſee *Father*, *Confeſſion of Parties.*

IN Delations about the Sin of Uncleanneſs, often not the Act, but only Preſumptions of Guilt and ſcandalous Behaviour can be proven; therefore the Kirk-Seſſion ſhould be very cautious how to admit the publick entring a Proceſs without good Warrants, where there is not a Child in the Caſe, unleſs the Scandal be very flagrant. *Form Proc. Cap.* 4. § 1. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. Many of theſe Actions which occaſion a Scandal of Uncleanneſs, are not, in themſelves, publickly cenſurable, but are to be paſt with a private Rebuke or Admonition. *Ibid.* § 2.

Uncuſtomed Goods, ſee *Running Goods.*

Unity of the Church, and **Uniformity in Religion and Worſhip** ſee *Catechiſing*, *Act* 2, 3. *Supplication*, *Act* 2. *Declaration*, *Act* 1, 3, 6. *Directory for Worſhip*, *Commiſſions of Aſſemblies*, *Act* 2, 10, 11, 12. *Miniſters*, *Act* 7. § 5.

1. THE Moderator and Commiſſioners of the Aſſembly are enjoined, with all Earneſtneſs and Reſpect to ſupplicate the Lords of Council and Conſervators of the Peace, that they may concur with the Kirk, in deſiring His Majeſty and the Parliament of *England*, and the Commiſſioners of *Scotland* at *London* for the Time, by all poſſible Means, Civil and Eccleſiaſtick, to advance the bleſſed Work of Unity in Religion, and Uniformity of Kirk-Government betwixt the Kingdoms; and to endeavour a happy Settlement betwixt His Majeſty and his Parliament, and that the common Peace betwixt the Kingdoms

may be continued and ſtrengthned. *Act Seſſ.* 11. Aug. *Aſſ.* 1642.

II. ALL Miniſters and People are charged to abſtain from all diviſive Courſes, upon Occaſion of different Sentiments and Practices about the *Oath of Abjuration*; and that they would, notwithſtanding thereof, live in Love and Chriſtian Communion together, and ſtrengthen one anothers Hands in their Work, and uſe all prudent and gaining Methods to keep the People in due Subjection and Love to their own Paſtors, *&c. Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1713.

II. THE Exhortations contained in the foreſaid *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1713 are renewed: And all Miniſters and People are ſeriouſly obteſted to lay to Heart the important Duties therein recommended, and that there be no diſtinguiſhing Courſes taken, contrary thereunto, on the Occaſion of Celebrating the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which ought to be the Bond of Love and Unity among Chriſtians. And a Committee is appointed to conſider any Repreſentations that might be offered to them concerning Brethren that may follow diviſive Courſes, and to deal with them in order to remove their Scruples, and to reclaim them to their Duty, and to report their Diligence to the *Commiſſion*; who are empowered, from Time to Time, to give the Committee Inſtructions and Directions in their Procedure, and to cognoſce and determine in this Affair. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1714.

IV. ALL are exhorted to avoid irregular and diſorderly Practices: And all the Miniſters of this Church are obteſted, carefully to guard againſt the diſtinguiſhing Courſe taken by ſome in the Choice of their Aſſiſtants, at the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. *Act* 6. *Aſſ.* 1715.

Uniting of Churches, *ſee Plantation of Kirks, &c.*

Univerſities, *ſee Colleges, Learning.*

I. 'TIS recommended to the Parliament, 1*mo*. That, out of the Rents of the Prelacies, Collegiate or Chapter-Kirks, or ſicklike, a ſufficient Maintenance be provided for a competent Number of Profeſſors, Teachers or Burſars in all Faculties, and eſpecially in Divinity; and for upholding, repairing, and enlarging the Fabrick of the Colleges, furniſhing of Libraries, and ſicklike good Uſes,

in every Univerſity and College. 2*do*. That there be a Meeting, once every Year, at ſuch Times and Places as ſhall be agreed upon, of Commiſſioners from every Univerſity and College, to conſult and determine upon their common Affairs, and whatſoever may concern them; and who may repreſent what's needful therein to Parliament and General Aſſembly. 3*tio*. That ſpecial Care be had, that the Places of the Profeſſors, eſpecially Profeſſors of Divinity in every Univerſity and College, be filled with the ableſt Men, and beſt affected to the Reformation and Order of this Kirk. *Seſſ.* 9 Aug. 3. *Act.* 1641.

II. 'Tis recommended to all Univerſities, 1*mo*, To be careful to take Account of all the Scholars on the *Sabbath*-day, of the Sermons, and of their Leſſons of the Catechiſm. 2*do*. To ſend their Commiſſioners inſtructed with Anſwers to the Overtures agreed upon by the Commiſſioners of Univerſities, and that againſt their Commiſſioners come, in *February* or *March*, to the Commiſſion of the Kirk. *Seſſ.* 28. Aug. *ult. Act.* 1647.

III. 'Tis recommended to the ſeveral Presbyteries, in whoſe Bounds Colleges or Univerſities are, to take particular Care, that all the Maſters thereof do acknowledge, profeſs and ſubſcribe, in Manner appointed by the 6th *Act* of the *Parl.* 1707, entituled, *Act for ſecuring the Proteſtant Religion and Presbyterian Church-Government*: And to take ſpecial Notice of what is taught in Colleges and Univerſities; and that nothing be taught therein contrair to, or inconſiſtent with the *Confeſſion of Faith* of this Church, or the Worſhip, Diſcipline or Government of the ſame; and to obſerve the Morals and Converſation both of Maſters and Scholars; and that they apply firſt to the Faculties of the Univerſities or Colleges for Redreſs: And in caſe any Difficulties do occur to the Presbyteries which they cannot overcome, they are appointed to lay the ſame before the Synod, General Aſſembly, or *Commiſſion* thereof; who are to conſider the Repreſentations, and give their Advice and Aſſiſtance in theſe Things. *Act* 14. *Aſſ.* 1711.

IV. The *Commiſſion* is inſtructed, carefully to advert to any Thing whereby they may contribute to the Flouriſhing of the Sciences and good Literature, and to the propagating of Religion and Loyalty in Univerſities; and particularly, that they diligently enquire, what Privileges and Intereſt the Judicatures of this Church, or the Miniſters thereof, have by the Conſtitutions of the ſeveral Univerſities and Colleges, and by the Laws of the

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Land, with reſpect to the Settlement of the Maſters and Profeſſors in them: Which the Aſſembly appoints the *Commiſſion*, by all juſt Methods, to maintain inviolably, and improve towards the promoting of the foreſaid Intereſts of true Piety and Learning; and for this End, to receive and give all due Encouragement, to whatever Applications may be made to them to this Effect. *Act* 12. *Aſſ.* 1719.

Unlawful Bond, ſee *Bond.*

Unſoundneſs in Doctrine, ſee *Miniſters, Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 5. *& Act* 5, § 2, 8. *Act* 7, § 1, 2, 3.

Uſury, ſee *Ocker.*

V.

Vacant Churches.

ALL Miniſters appointed by the General Aſſemblies or their Authority, to labour for ſome Time in theſe Corners of the Church where Vacancies are moſt numerous, are obteſted and beſeeched to be diligent and faithful in their Performance of what is appointed them: And in caſe any Miniſter ſhall not exactly and timeouſly perform their reſpective Appointments, particulary in going to the *North*; they are ordered to be ſuſpended from the Exerciſe of their Miniſtry, for the Space of Three Months, by their reſpective Presbyteries, aſſoon as they begin to neglect this Duty: And the Moderators of the ſeveral Presbyteries are required to move and propoſe to the Presbyteries to proceed to inflict the Cenſures above appointed without Delay: And in caſe any Moderator ſhall neglect & delay the Performance of his Duty hereby required, that he be ſuſpended from the Exerciſe of his Miniſtry by the next enſuing Synod of the Bounds, for the Space of 3 Months: And in caſe that inevitable Impediments fall providentially in the Way of the Miniſter thus appointed for Supplies, that cannot but free the Miniſter of any Neglect, that the Presbytery he belongs unto record the ſame in their Regiſters, and produce them to their Sy-

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nod at their next Meeting, to be by them judged; but withall, the Presbytery, in that caſe, ſhall be oblig'd to ſend another, under the ſame Certification: But ſo ſoon as he applies to the Presbytery, and offers Obedience, the Preſbytery ſhall be obliged to take off the Act of Suſpenſion: And the Aſſembly appoints their Churches to be ſupplied daily, at leaſt Two *Sabbaths* of Three, during their Abſence. And the Miniſters appointed to make theſe Supplies, in caſe of their Neglect, are to be Presbyterially rebuked, and that inſert in the Records of the Presbytery. And that Synods do particularly enquire anent, and ſee to the Execution of this Act, and report to the next enſuing Aſſembly. *Act* 8. *Aſſ.* 1697.

II. EVERY Miniſter is prohibited to take upon him to preach in vacant Congregations, not within the Bounds of his own Presbytery, without an Invitation, either from the Presbytery of the Bounds, or at leaſt from ſome neighbouring Miniſter in that Presbytery. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1711.

Vacant Stipends.

'TIS recommended to His Majeſty's High Commiſſioner, that he would, in the Aſſembly's Name, apply to their Majeſties for a general Recommendation to the Lords of Privy Council, Lords of Treaſury and Exchequer, Lords of Seſſion, and other Judges whatſoever, in favours of ſuch as ſhall, by Order of the Aſſembly, ſerve vacant Congregations in the *North*; that they may have Acceſs for Maintenance out of the vacant Stipends, during the Time they ſerve. *Act* 15. *Aſſ.* 1694.

Vagrant Miniſters, ſee *Irregularities.*

'TIS ſeriouſly recommended to all Synods and Preſbyteries, that they advert to the many Irregularities committed by vagrant unfix'd Miniſters; many of whom are lying under Eccleſiaſtick Cenſures, to the great Scandal and Hinderance of the Goſpel, and tending to the renting of Churches and Congregations: And prudently to proceed to take ſuch Courſe with them, as the Circumſtances of the Caſe and Time requires. And Presbyteries, where any great Difficulty occurs in Caſes of this Nature, are appointed to conſult their Synods, or the

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Commiſſion of the Aſſembly thereanent, before they proceed to any further Cenſure. *Act* 23. *Aſſ.* 1696.

Viaticums, ſee *North, Act* 11, 14. *Probationers. Act* 6.

Viſitations of Kirks, Colleges and Schools, ſee *Schools, Act* 2. § 6. *Act* 4. *Covenant, Act* 5. *Colleges, Act* 1. § 1. *Schoolmaſters, Act* 2.

I. The Acts of Aſſembly, holden at *Edinburgh* the 25th of *June* 1565, *Seſſ.* 2. anent the Viſitation of Kirks, Schools and Colleges, ordained to be put in Execution; and that the Miniſter of the Pariſh, the Principal, Regents and Profeſſors within the Colleges, and Maſters and Doctors of Schools, be tried concerning the Soundneſs of their Judgment in Matters of Religion, their Ability for Diſcharge of their Calling, and the Honeſty of their Converſation; as the Act of Aſſembly at *Edinburgh June* 21 1567. *Seſſ.* 3. and the Act of Aſſembly holden at *Montroſe* 1595, *Seſſ.* 9. do import: And that this Viſitation of Colleges be by way of Commiſſion from the Aſſembly. *Act Seſſ.* 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. § 4.

II. 'Tis recommended to Synods, to take Account of the Obſervation of the Overtures, *Seſſ.* 14. Feb. 7. *Aſſ.* 1645. for Viſitation of Schools, and Advancement of Learning, (which ſee in *Colleges*) *Act Seſſ.* 28. Aug. *ult. Aſſ.* 1647.

Viſitations Miniſterial of Families, ſee *Propha neneſs, Acts* 4 & 5.

I. Some Overtures concerning the Miniſterial Viſitation of Families are tranſmitted to Presbyteries, for their Opinion about them. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1707.

II. The following Articles are unanimouſly recommended to the Miniſters of this Church; not as binding Rules, but as an Help to them in their viſiting of Families: *viz.* That Miniſters viſit all the Families in their Pariſh, at leaſt once a Year, if the ſame be large; and oftner, if the Pariſh be ſmall: And in the Management of that Work, 'tis adviſed, 1mo. That ere a Miniſter ſet

out to this Work, he labour to have his own Heart in a ſuitable Frame for it. 2*do.* That he chooſe ſuch a Time in the Year as his People may be beſt at Leiſure to meet with him; and that due Intimation be made of the Miniſter's Deſign to viſite, that the People may order their Affairs ſo, that he may find them at Home. 3*tio.* That he be accompanied with the Elder of the Bounds; with whom he may confer, before they go forth to the Work, about the State and Condition of the Perſons and Families of theſe Bounds, that the Miniſter may be able to ſpeak the more ſuitable to their Condition, and as may be moſt for Edification. 4*to.* When they enter a Houſe, after a ſhort Account of the Deſign of the Viſit, they are to take an Account of the Names of the Family, Parents, Children and Servants; and enquire for Teſtificates from them who are lately come to the Pariſh, and to mark them in their Roll for Catechiſing; and to take Notice who can read, and of the Age of Children, when capable for Catechiſing. 5*to.* Then the Miniſter may ſpeak to them all in general, of the Neceſſity of Regeneration, and the Advantages of ſerious Religion and Godlineſs; of Piety towards God, and Juſtice and Charity towards Man. 6*to.* And next, more particularly, to the Servants, of their Duty to fear and ſerve God; and to be dutiful, faithful and obedient Servants; and of the Promiſes made to ſuch: Commending to them the Reading of the Scriptures as they can, and Prayer in ſecret, and Love and Concord among themſelves; and in particular, a holy Care of ſanctifying the Lord's Day. 7*timo.* The Miniſter is to apply his Diſcourſe to the Children, as they are capable, with affectionate Seriouſneſs; ſhewing them the Advantages of knowing, loving, ſeeking and ſerving God, and remembring their Creator and Redeemer in the Days of their Youth, and honouring their Parents; and to remember how they were dedicated to God in Baptiſm; and when of Age, and fit, and after due Inſtruction of the Nature of the Covenant of Grace, and Seals thereof, to excite them to engage themſelves perſonally to the Lord, and to deſire and pray for, and take the firſt Opportunity they can, of partaking of the Lord's Supper; to be ſpecially careful how they communicate at firſt, much depending thereon: (And ſuch of the Servants as are young, are to be exhorted hereto in like Manner) Exciting them alſo to daily Reading of the Scriptures, and to ſecret Prayer, and ſanctifying the Lord's

Lord's-Day. 8*vo.* After this he ſhould ſpeak privately to the Maſter and Miſtreſs of the Family about their perſonal Duty toward God, and the care of their own Souls Salvation, and their Obligations to promote Religion and the Worſhip of God in their Families, and to reſtrain and puniſh Vice, and encourage Piety, and to be careful that they and their Houſe ſerve the Lord, and ſanctify the *Lord's-Day.* After this it may be fit, 1*mo.* To exhort Maſters to take care that God be worſhipped daily in their Family, by Prayer and Praiſe, and reading of the Scriptures. 2*do.* They ſhould enquire of him concerning the Converſation and Behaviour of the Servants, and their Duty towards God and Man, and how they attend the Worſhip of God in the Family, and the publick Worſhip on the *Lord's-Day*, and how they behave after Sermon, if any of them be piouſly inclined, if they make Conſcience of ſecret Prayer and Reading of the Scriptures. 3*tio.* If there be catechiſing and inſtructing of the Ignorant and Weak, if due care be taken in educating the Children, and particularly, if they be put timeouſly to School, and how they profit thereat, and how the *Lord's-Day* is ſpent after Sermons in the Family, and in ſecret, in all which the Miniſter may mix in ſuitable Directions, Encouragements, and Admonitions, as he ſhall ſee cauſe, and moſt for Edification. 9*no.* He may enquire who have Bibles, and encourage them who are able to get a Bible of their own, and to make diligent and religious Uſe thereof, and to recommend to Parents and Maſters of Families to have the Confeſſion of Faith, Catechiſms, and other good Books for Inſtruction in Faith and Manners. 10*mo.* If any be tainted with Errors, or given to Vice, they ſhould be particularly dealt with and ſpoken to, either privately, or before others, as may be moſt for Edification, and all in the Family are to be exhorted to watch and edify one another, and to carry toward any that walk diſorderly, according to the Rule, *Matth.* xviii. 15. 11*mo.* If there be any Difference or Diviſion, either in the Family, or with the Neighbours, the Miniſter ſhould endeavour to remove the ſame, and to make Peace, and to excite to follow it with all Men, as far as poſſible. 12*mo.* It may be alſo enquired at thoſe who received Tokens to Communicate the laſt Seaſon for it, whether they have made uſe of them or not, and thoſe who have Communicated may be enquired privately, how they have profited thereby, and excited to remember

member to pay their Vows to the Lord. 1380. If there be any in the Pariſh who keep not Church Communion with us, whatever their Motives be, Miniſters ought to deal with God for them, and with themſelves in ſuch a Way as may be moſt proper to gain them, and exoner their own Conſciences before God and his People, waiting if God peradventure will prevail with them, who can tell but our making them ſenſible of our tender Love and Affection to their Perſons, eſpecially to their Souls, giving them all due Reſpect, and doing them all the Good we can, yet ſtill diſcountenancing their Sin, may in the End be bleſſed of God for their Good, *Jude* xxii. 23. 2 *Tim.* ii. 23, 25. All this ſhould be carried on with dependance on God, and fervent Prayer to him, both before a Miniſter ſet forth for ſuch a Work, and with the viſited, as there ſhall be acceſs to, and Opportunity for it. *Act* 10. *Aſſ.* 1708.

Viſitations Presbyterial of Pariſhes, ſee *Miniſters*, and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 3. *Family Exerciſes*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedy* 4. *Worſhip Secret*, *Act* 1. *Worſhip Publick.*

I. That Viſitation of particular Kirks within Presbyteries be made once every Year, and that thereat a care be had amongſt other things, that it be tried how domeſtick Exerciſes of Religion are exerciſed in particular Families, and what Means there is in every Pariſh in Landward for Catechiſing, and inſtructing the Youth. *Act Seſ.* 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. *Aſſ.* 1638. *Art.* 3.

II. 'Tis recommended to all Presbyteries, to be diligent and careful in viſiting the Pariſhes within their Bounds, and to take particular notice how all Sums of Money mortified, or otherwiſe belonging to the Poor of the Pariſh have been managed and applied from Time to Time, and if they ſhall find any Dilapidations of any ſuch Sums, that theſe guilty thereof may be purſued according to Law, and that the ſeveral Synods take Account of the Presbyteries within their Bounds, of their Diligence therein. *Act* 22. *Aſſ.* 1700.

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III. 'T I S ſeriouſly recommended and enjoir Presbyteries to be more frequent and conſcie viſiting Pariſhes, conform to the Acts of forme Aſſemblies thereanent, and the Commiſſion is a to draw up and prepare a Directory for Miniſt ſitation of Families, and preſent the ſame to General Aſſembly. *Act* 16. *Aſſ.* 1706.

Viſitations by Elders, ſee *Remedies* and there, *Eccleſiaſtick Remedies again phaneneſs* 2.

Viſiters of Books, ſee *Rolls, Synod Burſars, Act* 5.

Voices, and voicing or voting, ſee *Ki ſions, diſſenting Voices.*

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Warning, ſee *Declaration, Act* 4, 5, *monſtrance, Supplications, Act* 4.

I. A Solemn and ſeaſonable Warning from the Aſſembly 1645, to the Noblemen, Barons men, Burrows, Miniſters and Commons of *Scotl* alſo to the Armies within and without the K holding forth, how the Nation ought to be affec the preſent Mercies and Judgments, what Uſe made of the Lord's Dealings, and what is req a People ſo dealt with, and ſhewing the Cauſ preſent Calamities to be the Sins of the Land, larly, 1*mo.* Contempt, Neglect, and Diſeſteem glorious Goſpel, Unbelief, Unfruitfulneſs, Lul neſs. Formality, Hardneſs of Heart, not receiv ſeeking to know and glorify Chriſt in all his hating, mocking at, and neglecting the Power of neſs, not obſerving the Sabbath, neglect of C Conferences, Family Exerciſes, and Miniſters ſtre ing the Hearts and Hands of the Prophane, taking heed to their Miniſtry. 2*do.* The breach

venant, the many Ways mentioned in that Warning. 3*tio.* Not glorifying God for former Mercies, nor making a right Uſe of them. 4*to.* Sending forth the Armies preſumptuouſly without Repentance, and firſt making Peace with God, and for Remedy of theſe Calamities, exhorting to Humiliation, Repentance, Faith, amendment of Life, and fervent Prayer; and ſhewing the Cauſe of the then preſent Dangers, to be from a *Popiſh* prelatical, and an avowed malignant Faction, from ſecret Malignants and Diſcovenanters characteriſed in the ſaid Warning, and exhorting People to appear actively, and ſtretch themſelves to, yea, beyond their Power for the Cauſe of God; That Miniſters ſtir up others by faithful Preaching and Admonition; That the Armies beware of Ungodlineſs, not truſting to their own Strength, but to God; That People of all Sorts call to mind their ſolemn Covenants, and pay their Vows to the moſt High, and contribute willingly for proſecuting the War againſt the Enemies of the Reformation, and that they Aſſiſt and Defend one another in maintaining and purſuing thereof. *Seſ.* 18. *Feb.* 12. *Aſſ.* 1645.

II. The Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the Aſſembly 1713, are approven, and they are thanked particularly for their Zeal againſt *Popery*, and their ſeaſonable impreſſing the Minds of the People with Loyalty to Her Majeſty, Firmneſs to the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Illuſtrious Family of *Hanover*, and juſt Averſion to the Pretender, all fully expreſt in a ſeaſonable Warning given and publiſhed by the ſaid Commiſſion. *Aſſ.* 9. *Aſſ.* 1714.

War unlawful, ſee *Declaration, Act* 5.

That all theſe who joined in the unlawful Engagement in War againſt *England*, and were cenſured by the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly 1648, with Suſpenſion, from the renewing of the Covenant, and from the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and withal, who do not by their Addreſſes to Church Judicatories, teſtify their diſlike thereof, and give Evidence of their Repentance therefore, be proceſſed, and continuing obſtinate, be excommunicated; but, if withal they go on in promoting malignant Deſigns, that they be forthwith excom-

communicated. As alſo, that all ſuch Perſ
as aforeſaid, who after Profeſſion of Repentan
to the promoting of any malignant Deſign,
with excommunicated. 2*do.* If they deſire
their Repentance, that beſides any Confeſſion i
before the Congregation, they ſubſcribe alſo th
tion ſubjoined to this Act, of their unfained I
and Renunciation of that Engagement, and all
lignant Courſes, contrair to the Covenant and C
miſing to keep themſelves from ſuch Ways in
ing, and acknowledging, that if they ſhall fall
Defection thereafter, they may juſtly be accou
ſidious Backſliders, and breakers of the Cove
Oath of God, and be proceeded againſt with t
Cenſures of the Kirk. 3*tio.* That ſuch as joine
or Council, or were general Perſons, or Colon
late Engagement, or who went to *Ireland* to
Forces for that Effect, or who had been emine
in contriving of, or ſeducing to the ſaid Engag
whoſoever above the degree of a Leiutenant,
ed theſe Parties, who in promoting its Ends,
within the Kingdom, or above that Degree,
ed in the Rebellion in the North, be not admi
ceived to give Satisfaction, but by the General
or their Commiſſioners. 4*to.* That the reſt may
by the Presbyteries where they reſide. 5*to.* Th
have been guilty as aforeſaid, before their recei
Covenant, make a publick Acknowledgement in
ner, and before ſuch Congregations, as the *Co*
the General Aſſembly, or Presbyteries *reſpecti*
ſcribe, according to the Degree of their O
Scandal given. 6*to.* That none of the foreſa
be admitted or received as Elders in any Judi
the Kirk, but according to the Act of the G
ſembly of the laſt of *Auguſt* 1647, againſt Co
the firſt Claſs (which Act ſee in *Complyers*, &c.) T
determining of the Truth, and Sincerity of t
tance of thoſe who deſire to be admitted to the
and Communion, they be not admitted theret
exact Trial for ſome competent Time, they
dence of their Repentance, and Presbyteries are
to make Intimation of this Act in all the Kir
Bounds, and to ſend in an Account of their I
the Commiſſion. *Act Seſſ.* 19. July 20. *Aſſ.* 1.

Webſter (Mr. James) ſee *Doctrine.*

Weddings, ſee *Penny Bridals.*

Weekly Catechiſing and Preaching, ſee *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *particular Eccleſiaſtick Rememedy* 1.

Widows.

'Tis recommended, 1*mo.* To every Miniſter in *Scotland*, to dedicate the tenth of his Stipend for one Year, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Miniſters of this Church, and 'tis appointed to be paid in, in Money, and no otherwiſe, to the Miniſters of each Presbytery, betwixt and the 15th of *May* 1719, or betwixt and the 15th of *May* 1721, with the ordinary Annualrent thereof, from the ſaid 15th of *May* 1719 to the Time that the ſame ſhall be paid in; and if they fail, Presbyteries and Synods are diſcharged to receive the ſame, tho' afterwards offered, and every Synod is appointed to nominate a reſponſal Perſon within their Bounds, for receiving the ſame from the Moderators of the Presbyteries. 2*do.* That every Miniſter thereafter to be ordained or admitted, within the Bounds of any Synod, do, within the Space of two Years after his Admiſſion, pay in his ſaid Tenth, if he has not already paid it in another Synod; And it's declared, that his Relict and Children ſhall be entituled to a ſhare of the Fund in that Synod, where he paid, and not in that where he laſt ſerved, except he have contributed in that Synod alſo, which it's declared he has Liberty to do, or not, as he pleaſes. 3*tio.* The Money collected in every Synod is appointed to be turned into a Stock, to be lent out upon good Security, and only the yearly Intereſt thereof is to be diſtributed, and the Stock kept entire; and if the Annualrent ſhall at any time happen to do more than ſerve the exigencies of the Widows and Children of that Synod, the ſuperplus Annualrent is to be added to the Stock, in order to encreaſe the Fund. 4*to.* The contributers in every Synod are appointed to have the Management of what Sums ſhall be collected, and given for the Ends foreſaid, to the Widows and Children of Miniſters, who have ſerved and contributed within their Bounds, and none other

are to have Right thereto. 5*to*. No Miniſters Widows and Children ſhall have any Benefit from this Fund, except their Husbands or Fathers have actually paid their Tenth, and do inſtruct the ſame. 6*to*. No Miniſters Widow ſhall have any Title to the Fund, after they ſhall be married to another Husband, or Children after their Marriage, or their being in caſe to do for themſelves, or be known to have a Competency to ſubſiſt upon, or ſhall be found unworthy thereof, by any unſuitable Carriage, of all which, the Contributers within the Bounds of every Synod are to be the Judges. 7*mo*. No Widow or Child entituled to a Share of this Fund, ſhall be allowed above ten Pound *Sterling* thereof, and the Contributers are allowed to give leſs, and in ſuch Proportions as the Fund will bear, and the Circumſtances of the Perſons require. 8*vo*. If any other Charitable diſpoſed Perſons, beſides Miniſters, ſhall think fit to contribute, 'tis declared, that they ſhall have a Vote and Power in the Management and Diſtribution of the foreſaid Funds, provided that their ſaid Contribution be not under ten Pounds *Sterling*. And it's declared, that none ſhall have a Vote or Power in the Management and Diſtribution of this Fund, but ſuch as have contributed thereto, and for that End it's appointed, that there be a Meeting of thoſe Perſons every Synod, for ordering what concerns this Matter, and the Moderator of the Synod ſhall preſide in that Meeting, and the Clerk of the Synod ſhall be Clerk thereto, if they have contributed, but if not, the Aſſembly appoints others to be choſen; and the Contributers are allowed to appoint a Committee of their Number, to manage the Concerns of this Fund, in the Intervals of the Synods Meetings, but that Committee is to have no Power to diſpoſe of any Part of the Money, and they are appointed to Report an Account of their Actings to the next Meeting at the Synod. 9*no*. The Aſſembly diſcharges any Diſtribution to be made, but at the ordinary Diets of the Synod, and the plurality of the Meeting ſhall by their Vote determine any Difference that may ariſe about the Matter. 10*mo*. 'Tis declared, that ſuch Presbyteries, as have already ſettled a Fund for their Widows and Children, ſhall be at Liberty, either to keep and manage the ſame themſelves, or join with the Synod, as they ſhall think beſt, provided *that the Quota* of the Presbyteries ſaid Fund do exceed a *tenth Part* of the whole Stipends within the ſaid Presby-

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tery, and that they declare their Reſolution at the Meeting of their Synod, preceeding the Year 1719. And *Laſtly*, 'Tis declared, that if any Event unforeſeen ſhall fall in, that may hinder the Execution of the above Articles, in the Manner that they are propoſed, the Premiſſes ſhall be ordered and managed, according to further Rules and Directions to be given by the ſubſequent General Aſſemblies of this Church. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1718.

Wigtoun Presbytery, ſee *Stranrawer Presbytery, Dalry.*

Witches and Witchcraft, ſee *Groſs Sins, Groſs Scandals.*

I. That all Miniſters within the Kingdom carefully take notice of Charmers, Witches, and all ſuch Abuſers of the People, and to urge the Acts of Parliament to be executed againſt them; and that the Commiſſioners from the Aſſembly to the Parliament do recommend to the ſaid ſupreme Judicature, the care of the Execution of the Laws againſt ſuch Perſons, in the moſt behoof-ful Way. *Act Seſ.* 2. July 29. *Aſſ.* 1640.

II. The Aſſembly taking to Heart the abundance and encreaſe of the Sin of Witchcraft, in all the Sorts and Degrees of it, in that Time of Reformation, and finding the Occaſions thereof to be theſe, Eſpecially, 1*mo*. Extremity of Grief, Malice, Paſſion, and deſire of Revenge, pinching Poverty, Solicitation of other Witches and Charmers, for in ſuch Caſes, the Devil aſſails them, offers Aid and much prevails. 2*do*. That the Reaſons and Cauſes of Satan's prevailing are, groſs Ignorance, great Infidelity, want of the Love of the Truth, which God hath made ſo long and clearly to ſhine in the Land, and Prophaneneſs of Life. 3*tio*. That the Means and Ways to bring them to a Confeſſion and Cenſure, are, That a ſtanding Commiſſion for a certain Time be had from the Lords of Secret Council, or Juſtice-General to ſome underſtanding Gentlemen and Magiſtrates within the Bounds of Presbyteries that ſhould crave it, giving them Power to apprehend, try, and execute Juſtice againſt ſuch Perſons, as are guilty of Witchcraft within theſe Presbyteries, becauſe many Pariſhes did want the Concurrence of Civil Magiſtrates. 4*to*. That the Grounds of apprehending

hending them may be, a reigning Brute of Witchcraft, backed with Delations of confeſſing Witches being confronted with them; alſo Depoſitions of honeſt Perſons, anent Maleſices committed, or Cures uſed by them. 5to. That being apprehended, honeſt and diſcreet Perſons be appointed to watch them, leſt they be ſuborned or hardened by others, or do deſtroy themſelves. 6to. That Miniſters be careful at all Times, eſpecially Morning and Evening, to deal with them by Prayer and Conference, while they are in Priſon or Reſtraint. 7mo. The Aſſembly found that the Means to prevent this Wickedneſs are, That Miniſters be every way careful and painful, in warning People of the Dangers thereof, and of Satan's Temptations, both privately and publickly, and to inſtruct them in the Knowledge of the Goſpel, and Grounds of Religion, by plain catechiſing, to urge lively Faith in Chriſt, which Faith Witches beſtow otherwiſe; Alſo to preſs Holineſs of Life and fervent Prayer in private in Families, and in publick, that they be not led into Temptation; and to uſe the Cenſures of the Kirk againſt Prophaneneſs, ſuch as Curſers, Whores, Drunkards, and ſuch like, for over ſuch the Devil gets great Advantage. And finally, For preventing of this hainous Sin, that People ſeek Knowledge, ſtudy to Believe, walk in Holineſs, and continue conſtant and inſtant in Prayer; and becauſe Charming is a Sort and Degree of Witchcraft, and too ordinary in the Land, all Miniſters are enjoined to take particular Notice of them, to ſearch them out, and ſuch as conſult with them; and that the Elders carefully concur in ſuch Search; and that an uniform Way of Cenſuring thoſe Charmers, and ſuch as Employ them or Conſult with them, be thought upon; and every Presbytery is ordained to take to their Conſideration, by what other Ways or Means, the Sins aforeſaid of Witchcraft, Charming and Conſulting with Witches and Charmers, and ſicklike Wickedneſs may be tried, reſtrained, and condignly cenſured and puniſhed, eccleſiaſtically and civilly, and to Report their Judgment therein to the next Aſſembly. *Act Seſs. ult.* Aug. 19. *Aſſ.* 1643.

III. Some Miniſters are appointed to conſider ſeriouſly the Growth of that Sin of Witchcraft, Charming and Conſulting, and to Conſult and Adviſe therein among themſelves, and alſo with ſome Lawyers and Phyſicians therein named, ſeverally or together, as Oc-

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caſion ſhall offer, of a Way for Trial and Puniſhment of thoſe Sins, and to Report from Time to Time to the Commiſſion, who were to Report to the then next General Aſſembly. *Act Seſ. ult.* Aug. 16. *Aſſ.* 1649.

Withdrawers from Ordinances, ſee *Worſhip ſecret and private, Act* 1. § 4. 8. *Worſhip Publick.*

Witneſſes, ſee *Exculpation, Miniſters, Act* 5. § 5, 7.

A Liſt of the Witneſſes Names ought to be given to the Defenders ſometime before, or at leaſt at their Compearance, and Witneſſes ought to be timeouſly cited, and if they refuſe, after three Citations and Executions returned, they may be proceeded againſt as Contumacious, or after the firſt or ſecond Citation, Application may be made to the Civil Magiſtrate to oblige them to compear. *Form Proc. Cap.* 2. § 9. *Act* 11. *Aſſ.* 1707. Before Witneſſes be judicially examined, the accuſed Perſon is to be called, and the Relevancy of the Libel diſcuſſed; and if a Party make any relevant Objections againſt the Witneſſes, and make his Objections evident, the Witneſſes are to be caſt, but the Delator or Informer may be a Witneſs, except where he formally complains for his own Intereſt, or that there be pregnant Preſumptions of his Malice againſt the Perſon accuſed, *Ibid.* § 10. Witneſſes are to be ſolemnly purged of Malice, Bribe or good Deed, or partial Council. *Ibid.* § 11. The Witneſſes are to be ſworn and examined in preſence of the accuſed Party, if compearing, and he may deſire ſuch pertinent Queſtions, or Croſs Queſtions to be propoſed to the Witneſſes, as my tend to his Exculpation, but he is not to interrupt the Witneſſes, or ſpeak during the Time of their deponing. *Ibid.* § 12. If Witneſſes cannot ſubſcribe, the Clerk is to mark that they declare that they cannot write, and the Moderator is to ſubſcribe, whether they can ſubſcribe or not. *Ibid.* § 14.

Women married, ſee *Abſence of the Husband.*

Women unmarried, ſee *Father.*

Word, ſee *Propoſitions*, &c.

Worſhip ſecret and private, ſee *Directory for Worſhip*, *Impiety*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domeſtick Remedy*, 2. *Family Exerciſe*, *Prophaneneſs*, *Act* 1. *Innovations in Worſhip*, *Directory for Worſhip*, *Univerſities*, *Act* 4.

I. THAT every Miniſter, beſides his Pains on the Lord's Day, ſhall have weekly Catechiſing of ſome Part of the Pariſh, and not altogether caſt off the Examination of the People, till a little before the Communion: Alſo, That in every Family the Worſhip of God be erected where it is not, both Morning and Evening; and that the Children and Servants be catechiſed at Home by the Maſters of Families; whereof Account ſhall be taken by the Miniſter and Elders aſſiſting him in the Viſitation of every Family: And, leſt they fail, That Viſitation of the ſeveral Kirks be ſeriouſly followed by every Presbytery for this End, amongſt others; the Execution and Succeſs whereof being tried by the Synods, to be repreſented to the General Aſſembly. *Act* Aug. 30. *Aſſ.* 1639.

II. THE following Rules and Directions, for cheriſhing of Piety, and preventing Diviſion and Schiſm, are approven; and Miniſters and Ruling Elders in each Congregation appointed to take Care, that they be obſerved and followed: As likewiſe, That Presbyteries and Provincial Synods enquire and make Trial, whether they be duly obſerved in their Bounds; and to reprove and cenſure, according to the Quality of the Offence, ſuch as ſhall be found reprovable or cenſurable therein. And Miniſters and Ruling Elders are appointed to make diligent Search and Enquiry, in the Congregations committed to their Charge *reſpective*, whether there be amongſt them any Family or Families, which uſe to neglect the neceſſary Duty of Family-worſhip: And if any ſuch Family be found, That the Head of that Family be firſt admoniſhed privately, to amend that Fault; and in caſe of his continuing therein, he is to be gravely and ſadly reproved by the Seſſion: After which Reproof, if he be found ſtill to neglect Family-worſhip, That, for his Obſtinacy in ſuch an Offence, he be ſuſpended and debarred

barred from the Lord's Supper, as being juſtly eſteemed unworthy to communicate therein, till he amend. *Follow the Directions.* The Aſſembly finds it expedient and neceſſary, That beſides the publick Worſhip in Congregations, mercifully eſtabliſhed in this Land in great Purity, Secret Worſhip of each Perſon alone, and private Worſhip in Families be preſs'd and ſet up; that with National Reformation, the Profeſſion and Power of Godlineſs both perſonal and domeſtick be advanced. And 1*mo.* For Secret Worſhip, That every one, apart and by themſelves, be given to Prayer and Meditation Morning and Evening, and at other Occaſions: That Paſtors, within their ſeveral Charges, preſs Perſons of all Sorts to perform this Duty; And that the Head of every Family have a Care, that both themſelves, and all within their Charge be daily diligent therein. 2*do.* The ordinary Duties comprehended within the Exerciſe of Piety, which ſhould be in Families, when they are conveened for that Effect, are theſe: Firſt, Prayer and Praiſes, performed with a ſpecial Reference, as well to the publick Condition of the Kirk of God and this Kingdom, as to the preſent Caſe of the Family and every Member thereof. Next, Reading of Scriptures, with Catechiſing in a plain Way; with Godly Conference, and with Admonition and Rebuke, upon juſt Reaſons, from thoſe who have Authority in the Family. 3*tio.* That the holy Scriptures be read ordinarily to the Family, and that thereafter they confer, and, by way of Conference, make ſome good Uſe of what hath been read and heard; as for Example, If any Sin be reproved in the Word read, Uſe may be made thereof, to make all the Family circumſpect and watchful againſt the ſame; Or, If any Judgment be threatned, or mentioned to have been inflicted in that Portion of Scripture which is read; Uſe may be made, to make all the Family fear, leſt the ſame, or a worſe Judgment befal them, unleſs they beware of the Sin that procured it. And finally, If any Duty be required, or Comfort held forth in a Promiſe; Uſe may be made, to ſtir up themſelves to employ *Chriſt* for Strength to enable them for doing the commanded Duty, and to apply the offered Comfort. In all which, the Maſter of the Family is to have the chief Hand. And any Member of the Family may propone a Queſtion, or Doubt for Solution; but that none take upon him

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to interpret the holy Scriptures, but he that is duly called thereto by God and the Kirk; it being a Part of the Charge and Office of the Miniſterial Calling. 4*to.* The Head of the Family is to take Care, that none withdraw himſelf from any Part of Family-worſhip. That Miniſters ſtir up ſuch Heads of Families as are lazy, and train up ſuch as are weak, to a Fitneſs for theſe Exerciſes; It being always free to Perſons of Quality, to entertain One approven by the Presbytery, for performing Family-Exerciſes: And other Families, where the Head of the Family is unfit, that one conſtantly reſiding in the Family, approven by the Miniſter and Seſſion, be employed in that Service, wherein the Miniſter and Seſſion are to be accountable to the Presbytery. And if a Miniſter, by Divine Providence, be brought to any Family, That he conveen the whole Family for Worſhip, excluding none, except in ſingular Caſes. 5*to.* That no Idler, who hath no particular Calling, or vagrant Perſon, under Pretence of a Calling, be ſuffered to perform Worſhip in Families. 6*to.* & 7*timo.* That each Family keep by themſelves at Family-worſhip; neither requiring, inviting, nor admitting Perſons from diverſe Families, unleſs it be thoſe who are lodged with them, or at Meal, or otherwiſe with them upon ſome lawful Occaſion. 8*vo.* On the Lord's Day, after every Family apart, and the whole Family together have ſought the Lord to fit them for the publick Worſhip, and bleſs to them the publick Ordinances; the Maſter of the Family is to take Care, that all under his Charge repair to the publick Worſhip; and that being finiſhed, after Prayer, he ſhould take an Account of what they have heard, and thereafter ſpend the reſt of the Time which they may ſpare in Catechiſing, and in ſpiritual Conferences upon the Word of God; or elſe, going apart, they ought to apply themſelves to Reading, Meditation and ſecret Prayer. 9*no.* So many as can conceive Prayer, ought to make uſe of the Gift of God, albeit thoſe who are rude and weaker may begin with a *Set Form* of Prayer; but ſo as they be not ſluggiſh, in ſtirring up in themſelves the Spirit of Prayer; and in the mean time, that theſe Materials of Prayer be meditated upon, and made uſe of, as follows. Let them confeſs their Unworthineſs and Unfitneſs for Worſhip, and therefore ask of God the Spirit of Prayer; confeſs their Sins, and the Sins of the Family, accuſing, judging

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and condemning themſelves for them, until they bring their Souls to ſome Meaſure of true Humiliation for them. They are to pour out their Souls to God, in the Name of *Chriſt*, by the Spirit, for Forgiveneſs of Sins, for Grace to repent, believe, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godly; and that they may ſerve God with Joy and Delight, walking before him: They are to thank God for his Mercies to his People, and to themſelves; eſpecially for his Love in *Chriſt*, and for the Light of the Goſpel. They are to pray for ſuch particular Benefits Spiritual and Temporal, as they ſtand in need of for the Time. They ought to pray for the Kirk of *Chriſt* in general, for all the Reformed Kirks, and for this Kirk in particular; for all that ſuffer for the Name of *Chriſt*; for all our Superiors; for the King's Majeſty, *&c.* for the Magiſtrates, Miniſters, and whole Body of the Congregation whereof they are Members; for their Neighbours, abſent and at Home: They are to cloſe with an earneſt Deſire, That God may be glorified in the Coming of the Kingdom of his Son, and in the doing of his Will; and with Aſſurance that themſelves are accepted, and what they have asked according to his Will, ſhall be done. 10*mo.* Theſe Exerciſes ought to be performed in great Sincerity, without Delay, laying aſide all Exerciſes of worldly Buſineſs or Hindrances: And to this Effect, Perſons of Eminency, and all Elders of the Kirk, ought not only to ſtir up themſelves and Families to Diligence therein; but alſo to concur effectually, that in all other Families where they have Power and Charge, the ſaid Exerciſes be conſcionably performed. 11*mo.* Beſides the ordinary Duties which are above mentioned, extraordinary Duties, both of Humiliation and Thankſgiving, are to be carefully performed in Families, when the Lord, by extraordinary Occaſions, private or publick, calleth for them. 12*mo.* Every Member of the Kirk ought to ſtir up themſelves, and one another, in the Duties of mutual Edification, by Inſtruction, Admonition, Rebuke, and Exhortation to Duty, by comforting the feeble-minded, and praying with, or for one another: Which Duties *reſpective* are to be performed upon ſeveral Occaſions, offered by Divine Providence; as namely, when under Calamity, Croſs or great Difficulty, Council or Comfort is ſought; or an Offender is to be reclaimed by private Admonition; or, if that be not effectual, by joining one or two more in the Admonition, according to the Rule

of *Chriſt*. 13*tio*. That Perſons troubled in Conſcience, finding no Eaſe after the Uſe of all ordinary Means, private and publick, have their Addreſs to their own Paſtor, or ſome experienced Chriſtian: But if the Perſon troubled in Conſcience be of that Condition, or of that Sex, that Diſcretion, Modeſty, or Fear of Scandal requireth a godly, grave and ſecret Friend to be preſent with them in their ſaid Addreſs; 'tis expedient that ſuch a Friend be preſent. 14*to*. When Perſons of diverſe Families do meet Abroad upon their particular Vocations, or any neceſſary Occaſions, they ought to take care, that the Duties of Prayer and Thankſgiving be performed, by ſuch as the Company ſhall judge fitteſt; and that they uſe no corrupt, but edifying Communication. See theſe Directions more fully in *Seſſ*. 19. Aug. 24. *Aſſ*. 1647.

III. 'Tis recommended to Miniſters and Elders in each Congregation, to take Care that the Worſhip of God, and Calling upon his Name be daily performed in all Families: And the Act of Aſſembly 1694, made againſt Prophaneneſs, which recommends, That none be Ruling Elders who make not Conſcience of this unqueſtionable Duty, is renewed and confirmed: (which ſee in *Prophaneneſs*) And 'tis appointed, That in caſe any Elder or Deacon ſhall neglect to worſhip God in their Families, by themſelves or Others appointed for that Effect; That they be ſeriouſly admoniſhed to amend; and, if Need be, rebuked for the ſame: And if, notwithſtanding of Admonitions and Rebukes of the Miniſter and other Elders, any Elder or Deacon continue obſtinate in their Neglect; That ſuch Elder or Deacon be removed from his Office by the Presbytery. *Act* 7. *Aſſ*. 1697.

IV. 'Tis ſeriouſly recommended to Presbyteries, to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours that the Worſhip of God be ſet up and performed in all its Parts, in the Families within their Bounds, according to the former Acts of Aſſembly, and Directions given concerning the ſame. *Act* 7. *Aſſ*. 1711.

Worſhip publick, ſee *Lord's Supper*, *Act* 2. *Kirks*, *Act* 2.

I. Every Miniſter is charged to be diligent in fulfilling his Miniſtry; to be holy and grave in his Converſation; to be faithful in Preaching, declaring the whole Council of God, as he has Occaſion from the Text of *Scripture*; to reprove the Sins and Errors, and preſs the Du-

Duties of the Time; and in all theſe, to obſerve the Rules preſcribed by the *Acts* of the General Aſſembly: And if he be negligent therein, That he be cenſured by his own Presbytery. As alſo, Every Member in every Congregation, is ordained to keep his own Pariſh-Kirk, to communicate therein in the Word and Sacraments, except in urgent Caſes, made known to, and approven by the Presbytery; otherwiſe, that the Miniſters of theſe Congregations whereto they reſort, do both, in publick, by Preaching, and in private, by Admonition, ſhew their Diſlike of their Withdrawing from their own Miniſters: And the Miniſters of that Congregation from which they do withdraw, ſhall labour, firſt by private Admonition, to reclaim them; and if they amend not, ſhall delate them to the Seſſion, who ſhall cite and cenſure them, as Contemners of the comely Order of the Kirk; and if the Matter be not taken Order with there: That it be brought to the Presbytery: For the better obſerving whereof, That the Presbyteries, at the Viſitation of their ſeveral Kirks, and Provincial Aſſemblies, in the Cenſures of the ſeveral Presbyteries, ſhall enquire thereanent: Which Enquiry and Report ſhall be regiſtrate in the Provincial Books, that their Diligence may be ſeen in the General Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 19. Aug. 24. *Aſſ.* 1647.

II. 'Tis recommended to Perſons of all Ranks to forbear Bowing, or other Expreſſions of Civil Reſpect, and Entertaining one another with Diſcourſes while Divine Worſhip is performing, and holy Ordinances are diſpenſing: And that, as to this Matter, People carefully obſerve what is enjoined in the Firſt Head of the Aſſembly's Directory for the publick Worſhip of God in this Church. *Act* 4. *Aſſ.* 1709. — *Note*, The Directory is ratified by *Act. Seſſ.* 10. February 3. *Aſſ.* 1645. Which ſee in *Directory for Worſhip.*

Y.

Yearly General Aſſemblies, ſee *Aſſemblies, Act* 2. *Evils of the Kirk.*

Young Men, ſee *Miniſtry.*

Yule-

Yule-Day.

THAT whatſoever Perſon or Perſons, after the of this Act, ſhould be found guilty of keepi *Yule-day* and other ſuperſtitious Days, be proceeded ag by Kirk-cenſures, and ſhall make publick Repen therefore, in the Face of the Congregation where th fence is committed: And that Presbyteries and Pr cial Synods take particular Notice, how Miniſters try cenſure Delinquents of this Kind within the ſevera riſhes: And Scholars or Students, being found g be ſeverely diſciplined and chaſtiſed therefore by Maſter: And in caſe the Maſters of Schools or Col be acceſſory to the ſaid ſuperſtitious Prophanity, by Connivance, granting of Liberty of Vacancy to Scholars at that Time, or any Time thereafter in C penſation thereof; that the Maſters be ſummoned by Miniſters of the Place, to compear before the next enſ General Aſſembly, there to be cenſured accordin their Treſpaſs: And if Scholars, being guilty, refu ſubject themſelves to Correction, or be Fugitives f Diſcipline; That they be not received in any o Schools or Colleges within *Scotland*. *Act Seſſ. ult.* 13. *Aſſ.* 1645.

Z.

Zetland Presbytery, ſee *Caithneſs, Comm ſions of Aſſemblies, &c. Act* 22. *Orkney.*

I. TIS declared and ordained, That the whole M ſters and Elders of the Presbytery of *Zetland* ſ not be tied, after the Date of this Act, to come to Meetings of the Provincial of *Caithneſs*; but that Half of the Number of the Miniſters of that Iſle, w their Ruling Elders, ſhall be only obliged to keep Meetings of the ſaid Provincial Aſſembly in Time ming; in reſpect of the great Diſtance of that Iſle fr the Land, and the Uncertainty and Dangerouſneſs of Paſſage from and to the ſame. *Act Seſſ.* 2. Auguſt *Aſſ.* 1647.

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II. THE Presbytery of *Zetland* is disjoined from the Provincial of *Caithneſs* and *Orkney*, and the ſaid Presbytery ſubordinated immediately to the General Aſſembly; for which Cauſe, their Commiſſioners are to be ſent to each Aſſembly the more carefully: And 'tis recommended to them, That they ſend to the next Aſſembly a particular Information of the Quality and Condition of all their Kirks, according to the Direction of the Act of the preceeding Aſſembly. *Seſſ.* 27. entituled, *Act for Preſſing and Furthering the Planting of Kirks*, Which ſee in *Plantation of Kirks*. *Act Seſſ.* 25. Aug. 9. *Aſſ.* 1648.

Zuſſe-day, ſee *Yule-day*.

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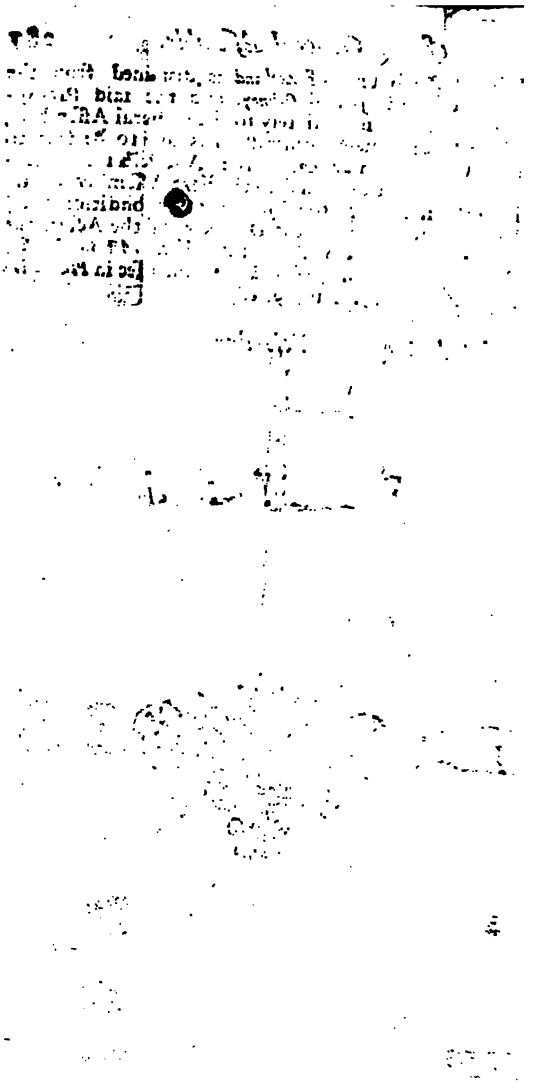

List of all the Parishes and Presbyteries OF THE CHURCH of SCOTLAND, According to the ORDER of the several SYNODS thereof.

I. The Provincial Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*. Seven Presbyteries.

1 Presbytery of *Edinburgh*. Ministers 32.

Churches.	Ministers.	Churches.	Ministers.
Edinburgh. New Church.	2	South Leith.	2
Old Church.	2	Canongate.	2
Tolbooth Church.	2	Duddingstoun.	1
Grayfryers Church.	2	Libertoun.	1
College Church.	2	Colingtoun.	1
Trone Church.	2	Currie.	1
Lady Yester's Church.	1	Kirknewtoun.	1
New North Church.	2	Ratho.	1
Castle Church.	1	Corstorphine.	1
West Church.	2	Cramond.	1
North Leith.	1	Professor of Divinity.	1

2. Presbytery of *Linlithgow*. Ministers 20.

Linlithgow.	2	Slamanan.	1
Kirklistoun.	1	Bathgate.	1
Dalmeny.	1		1
Queensferry	1	Livingstone.	1
Abercorn.	1	Uphall or Strathbrock.	1
Eccleſmachan.	1	Torphichen.	1
Carriddin.	1	West-Calder.	1
Borrowstounneſs.	1	Mid-Calder.	1
Falkirk.	1	East-Calder.	1
Morvingſide.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Biggar.* Miniſters 12.

Biggar.	1	Lamingtoun.	1
Skirling.	1	Symmingtoun.	1
Broughtoun.	1	Covingtoun.	1
Glenquhom.	1	Quothquen & Libertoun.	1
Kilbocho.	1	Walſtoun.	1
Culter.	1	Dolphingtoun.	1

4. Presbytery of *Peebles.* Miniſters 13.

Peebles.	1	Traquair and Kaylie.	1
Lintoun.	1	Kirkcurd.	1
Drummelzier.	1	Henderlethen.	1
Tweedſmuir.	1	Mannor.	1
Dawick.	1	Eccleſtoun.	1
Linn.	1	Newlands.	1
Stobo.	1		

5. Presbytery of *Dalkeith.* Miniſters 17.

Dalkeith.	1	Pennycook.	1
Laſſwade.	1	Heriot.	1
Glencorſe.	1	Borthwick.	1
Newbottle.	1	Fallaw.	1
Carringtoun.	1	Cockpen.	1
Temple.	1	Newtoun.	1
Crightoun.	1	Muſſelburgh & Inverask.	2
Cranſtoun.	1	Ormiſtoun.	1

6. Presbytery of *Haddingtoun.* Miniſters 16.

Haddingtoun.	2	Gladſmuir.	1
Tranent.	1	Yeſter.	1
Salt-Preſtoun.	1	Bara and Garvat.	1
Aberlady.	1	Athelſtane-Foord.	1
Bolton.	1	Dirltoun.	1
Saltoun.	1	North-Berwick.	1
Humbie.	1	Morum.	1
Pancaitland.	1		

7. Presbytery of *Dumbar.* Miniſters 10.

Dumbar.	1	Stentoun.	1
Cockburnſpath.	1	Whitekirk.	1
Innerwick.	1	Tynninghame.	1

Preſtoun.

Preſtoun Church	1	Whittinghame	1
Spott.	1	Old-Hamſtocks.	1

II. The Provincial Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale.* Six Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Dunſe.* Miniſters. 10.

Dunſe.	1	Longformacus and Ellonfoord.	1
Eccles.	1		
Langtoun.	1	St. Bathan's and Abbay.	1
Preſtoun and Bunkle.	1	Cranſhaws.	1
Fogo.	1	Greenlaw.	1
Polwarth.	1		

2. Presbytery of *Chirnſide.* Miniſters 14.

Chirnſide.	1	Aitoun.	1
Edrom.	1	Whitſum.	1
Hiltoun.	1	Fulden.	1
Lendal.	1	Mordingtoun and Lamertoun.	1
Swintoun.	1		
Sympron.	1	Huttun and Fiſſick.	1
Coldinghame.	1	Lady-Kirk & Horſden.	1
Eymouth.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Kelſo.* Miniſters 9.

Kelſo.	1	Yetholm.	1
Sprouſtoun.	1	Marbottle.	1
Stitchel and Hume.	1	Ednam.	1
Roxburgh.	1	Mackerſtoun.	1
Lintoun.	1		

4. Presbytery of *Jedburgh.* Miniſters. 16.

Jedburgh.	1	Cavers.	1
Bedrule.	1	Kirktoun.	1
Abbotſrule.	1	Wiltoun.	1
Eckfoord.	1	Minto.	1
Hawick.	1	Ancrum.	1
Hownam.	1	Crellen and Nisbet.	1
Southden.	1	Oxnam.	1
Hopkirk.	1	Caſſiltoun.	1

5. Presbytery of *Erſiltoun.* Miniſters 10.

Erſiltoun.	1	Legerwood.	1
Stow.	1	Lauder.	1
Gordon.	1	Nenthorn.	1
Weſtruther.	1	Mertoun.	1
Smelholm.	1	Channelkirk.	1

6. Presbytery of *Selkirk.* Miniſters 11.

Selkirk.	1	Liliaslife.	1
Melroſs.	1	Bowdoun.	1
Yarow.	1	Maxtoun.	1
Askirk.	1	St. Boſwells.	1
Ettrick.	1	Galaſheils	1
Roberton.	1		

III. The Provincial Synod of *Drumfreis.* Four Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Middlebee.* Miniſters 13.

Middlebee.	1	Hoddam	1
Stable-Gordon.	1	Cannabee.	1
Eathfdalmuir.	1	Dornick.	1
Annan.	1	Kirkpatrick-fleming.	1
Graitney.	1	Wauchop.	1
Weſterkirk.	1	Ewes.	1
Longhom & Halfmorton.	1		

2. Presbytery of *Lochmaben.* Miniſters 13.

Lochmaben.	1	Moffat.	1
Applegirth.	1	Wamphrey.	1
Dryſdale.	1	Cummertrees.	1
Tindesgirth.	1	Dalteun.	1
Kirkmichael.	1	Ruthwell.	1
Huttoun.	1	St. Mungo.	1
Johnſtoun.	1	Mouſwell.	1
Kirkpatrick-juxta.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Drumfreis.* Miniſters. 18.

Drumfreis.	2	Thorthorald.	1
Kirkmano.	1	Holywood.	1
Tinwald and Trailflat.	1	Irongray.	1

Troquire

Troquire.	1	Kirkgunion.	1
New-Abbay.	1	Terreagles.	1
Kirkbean.	1	Kirkpatrick-durham.	1
Lochrutton.	1	Cowan.	1
Dunſcoir.	1	Carlaverock.	1
Orr.	1		

4. Presbytery of *Penpont.* Miniſters 9.

Penpont.	1	Deriſdier.	1
Glencairn.	1	Kirkbride.	1
Keir.	1	Sanquhair.	1
Tinrom.	1	Cloſeburn.	1
Mortoun.	1		

IV. The Provincial Synod of *Galloway.* Three Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright.* Miniſters 16.

Kirkcudbright.	1	Girtoun.	1
Borgue.	1	Toungland.	1
Balmaclellan.	1	Twynam.	1
Kerick.	1	Balmaghie.	1
Anwoth.	1	Buttle.	1
Corſmichael.	1	Dalry.	1
Partoun.	1	Kells.	1
Keltoun.	1	Kerſfern.	1

2. Presbytery of *Wigtoun.* Miniſters 10.

Wigtoun.	1	Mochrum.	1
Pennyngham.	1	Kirkowan.	1
Whithorn.	1	Kirkinder.	1
Sorby.	1	Glaſtertoun.	1
Monygaff.	1	Kirkmabreck.	1

3. Presbytery of *Stranrawer.* Miniſters 11.

Stranrawer.	1	Kirkmaiden.	1
Leſwalt.	1	Ballantree.	1
Inch.	1	Glenluce.	1
Portpatrick.	1	New Glenluce.	1
Stonykirk.	1	Calmunel.	1
Kirkcolm.	1		

V. Provincial Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Air*. Seven Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Air*. Miniſters 28.

Air and Alloway.	2	Torbolton.	1
Monktoun and Preſtick.	1	Stair.	1
Dundonald.	1	Dalrymple.	1
Symmingtoun.	1	Cultoun.	1
Craigie.	1	St. Quivox.	1
Riccartoun.	1	Kirkmichael.	1
Galſtoun.	1	Mayboll.	1
Sorn and Dalgean.	1	Girvan.	1
Mauchlin.	1	Straiton.	1
Auchinleck.	1	Barr.	1
Cumnock.	1	Kirk-oſwald.	1
New Cumnock.	1	Daley.	1
Ochiltree.	1	Muirkirk of Kyle.	1
		Dalmellingtoun.	1

2. Presbytery of *Irvine*. Miniſters 18.

Irvine.	1	Kilbirny.	1
Dreghorn & Pearſtoun.	1	Dalry.	1
Kilmaurs.	1	Steenſtoun.	1
Kilmarnock.	2	Ardroſſen.	1
Finwick.	1	Kilbride.	1
Lowdoun.	1	Largs.	1
Dunlop.	1	Kilwinning.	1
Beath.	1	Cambry.	1
Stewartoun.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Paiſley*. Miniſters 16.

Paiſley.	2	Houſtoun.	1
Renfrew.	1	Killellan.	1
Eaſtwood.	1	Erskine.	1
Merns.	1	Kilmacolm.	1
Neilſtoun.	1	Port-Glaſgow.	1
Lochennoch.	1	Greenock.	1
Kilbarchan.	1	Innerkip.	1
Inchennan.	1		

4. Presbytery of *Hamilton*. Miniſters 16.

Hamilton.	2	Glaſgoord.	1
Blantyre.	1	Straven.	1
Kilbride.	1	Stonehouſe.	1

Dalſerf.

Dalſerff.	1	New-Monkland.	1
Cambuſnetham.	1	Bothwell.	1
Shotts.	1	Cambuſlang.	1
Old-Monkland.	2	Dalziel.	1

5. Presbytery of *Lanerk.* Miniſters 14.

Lanerk.	1	Carnwath.	1
Carlouck.	1	Dunſyre.	1
Carſtares	1	Pitteneen.	1
Carmichael.	1	Wiſtoun.	1
Roberton.	1	Crawfordmuir.	1
Douglaſs.	1	Crawford-john.	1
Leſmahago.	2		

6. Presbytery of *Glaſgow.* Miniſters 19.

Glaſgow.	Inner High-Church.	1	Egilſhame. 1
	Outer Church.	1	Cathcart. 1
	New, or Black-friar-Church.	1	Govan. 1
	Laigh or Tron-Church.	1	Calder. 1
	The Wynd.	1	Kilſyth. 1
	New Church.	1	Kirkintilloch. 1
	Barony-Church.	1	Campſy. 1
Rutherglen.		1	Cumbernauld. 1
Carmunnock.		1	The Principal. 1
			The Profeſſor of Divinity. 1

7. Presbytery of *Dumbarton.* Miniſters 17.

Dumbarton.	1	Killearn.	1
Roſneth.	1	Strathblean.	1
Cardroſs.	1	Old Kirkpatrick.	1
Row.	1	Balfrone.	1
Luſs.	1	Buchanan.	1
Bonhill.	1	New Kirkpatrick.	1
Kilmaronock.	1	Drymen.	1
Bintry.	1	Tarbat & Arochare.	1
Badernock.	1		

VI. The Provincial Synod of *Argyll.* Five Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Dunoon.* Miniſters 8.

Dunoon and Kilmun.	1	Kilmaglaſs and Kilmory.	1
Innerchallan.	1	Lochgoylſide & Kilmorik.	1
Kilmodden.	1	Rotheſay in Bute.	1
Kilfynan.	1	Kingairth.	1

2. Presbytery of *Kintyre* or *Campbeltoun.* Miniſters 11

Campbeltoun.	2	Kilmorie in Arran.	1
Southend	1	Killarow in Ilay.	1
Glenſaddle, Kelbon, and Cardel.	1	Kilveny and Kildaltoun in Ilay.	1
Kilhalmunnel & Kilberry.	1	Colonza and Jura.	1
Kilbride in Arran.	1	Ghigha	1

3. Presbytery of *Inverary.* Miniſters 9.

Inverary.	2	Kilchrenan, and Dalaveth and Inſhail.	1
Clachandyſert	1	Craigniſh.	1
Kilmartine.	1	South Knapdale.	1
Kirkmichael of Glaſſirie and Killenever.	1	North Knapdale.	1

4. Presbytery of *Lorn* or *Kilmore.* Miniſters 13.

Kilmore and Kilbride.	1	Kilmelfort & Kilninfort.	1
Kilbranden, Lung, and Seil.	1	Kilninvar and Molfoord in Mull.	1
Ardchattan, & Killasbing Kirril and Muckairn.	1	I-colm-kill & Kilmuchen.	1
		Cole and Tirie.	1
		Lochaber and Kilmaly.	1
Liſmore.	1	Morvern, Kilcalumkill and Kilmaig.	1
Kilmichen, Kilvickkeneu, Perigown and Lochbowie.	1	Inverlochy.	1
Ardnamurchan, Sunnard, Moydart & Ariſaig.	1		

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5. Presbytery of *Skye.* Miniſters 12.

North-Uiſt.	1	Gilchriſt or Strath-wardle, Egga, Canna, Roum and Mucka.	1
South-Uiſt, Bara, and Benbecula.	1		
Eynard.	1	Harris, Lewis, Uig and Barvos.	1
Kilmure in Trotterniſh.	1		
Duirnes and Waterniſh.	1	Glenelg, Knoydart and Morhir.	1
Snizort, Raſay and Lindal	1		
Eye or Niſh, & Braccadele	1	Hirta, *alias* S. Kilday.	1
Scarnway.	1		

VII. Provincial Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling.* Five Presbyteries.

1 Presbytery of *Dunkeld.* Miniſters 20.

Dunkeld.	1	Kilmichael in Straerdle.	1
Auchtergaven.	1	Kincleven.	1
Monedie.	1	Killin.	1
Logierate.	1	Doull.	1
Little Dunkeld.	1	Rattray.	1
Keppeth.	1	Fortingill.	1
Weem.	1	Lethandie.	1
Kendmore	1	Cargill.	1
Blair-Athol.	1	Kinloch.	1
Mouling.	1	Clunie.	1

2. Presbytery of *Perth.* Miniſters 22.

Perth Old Church, New Church	3	Arngosk.	1
		Rhinde.	1
Dumbarnie.	1	Kinfauns.	1
Abernethie.	1	Errol.	1
Dron.	1	Kilſpindie.	1
Kinnoul.	1	St. Madois.	1
St. Martine's.	1	Tippermuir.	1
Scoon.	1	Colleſſe.	1
Aberdalgie.	1	Forgondenny.	1
Methven.	1	Fort-Teviot.	1
Rogortoun.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Dumblane.* Miniſters 12

Dumblane.	1	Callendar.	1
Kilmadock.	1	Kippen.	1

Port

Port	1	Kincardine.	1
Lockrop.	1	Tullibillan.	1
Aberfoyle.	1	Tillicultrie.	1
Balquhidder.	1	Logie.	1

4. Presbytery of *Stirling*. Miniſters 11.

Stirling.	2	Bothkennar.	1
St. Ninian's.	1	Dollar.	1
Larbert and Dunnipace.	1	Alva.	1
Airth.	1	Alloa and Tillibody.	1
Gargunnock.	1	Clackmannan.	1

5. Presbytery of *Auchterarder*. Miniſters 15.

Auchterarder.	1	Creiff.	1
Dunning.	1	Monyvaird and Strowan.	1
Muthie.	1	Comerie.	1
Foſſoway and Tilliboll.	1	Trinity-Gask.	1
Blackfoord.	1	Gask.	1
Muthill.	1	Glendovan.	1
Matherty.	1	Muckart.	1
Foullis.	1		

VIII. The Provincial Synod of *Fife*. Four Presbyteries.

1. The Presbytery of *Dumfermling*. Miniſters 14.

Dumfermling.	2	Kinroſs.	1
Culroſs.	2	Orwell.	1
Torryburn.	1	Beath.	1
Saline.	1	Inverkeithing.	1
Cleiſh.	1	Dalgety.	1
Carnock.	1	Aberdour.	1

2. Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie*. Miniſters 17.

Kirkcaldie.	2	Baſſingrie.	1
Kingorn.	1	Wemyſs.	1
Burntiſland.	1	Leſly.	1
Abbotſhall.	1	Portmoak.	1
Dyſart.	2	Scoonie.	1
Auchtertoole.	1	Markinch.	1
Kinglaſſie.	1	Kennoway.	1
Auchterderren.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Coupar.* Miniſters 20.

Coupar.	2	Monymail.	1
Kettle.	1	Dunboig.	1
Falkland.	1	Coleſſie.	1
Dairſey.	1	Moonzie.	1
Cults.	1	Balmerino.	1
Auchtermuchty.	1	Kilmenie.	1
Strathmiglo.	1	Ceres.	1
Abdie.	1	Creich.	1
Newburgh.	1	Logie.	1
Fliſk.	1		

4. Presbytery of St. *Andrew's.* Miniſters 23.

ST. Andrew's.	3	Newburn.	1
St. Leonard's.	1	Largo.	1
Deninno.	1	Ely.	1
Kingsbarns.	1	St. Monan's.	1
Kilreny.	1	Cameron.	1
Crail.	1	Kemback.	1
Anſtruther-eaſter.	1	Leuchars.	1
Anſtruther-weſter.	1	Forgon.	1
Pittenweem.	1	Ferry-parton-craigs.	1
Carnbee.	1	Principal of the New College.	1
Kilconquhar.	1		

IX. The Provincial Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns.* Six Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Meegle.* Miniſters 13.

MEegle.	1	Airlie.	1
Newtile.	1	Eſſie and Nevoy.	1
Kittinneſs.	1	Bendochie.	1
Coupar in Angus.	1	Glen-Iſlay.	1
Blair-gourie.	1	Kingouthrum.	1
Allioth.	1	Ruthven.	1
Luntrethan.	1		

2. Presbytery of *Forfar.* Miniſters. 10.

FOrfar	1	Tannadice.	1
Kirrymuir.	1	Inverarity.	1
Cortochie and Clova.	1	Kinnettles.	1

Dinichan.	1	Glamis.	1
Aberlemno.	1	Restobie.	1

3. Presbytery of *Dundee.* Ministers 17.

Dundee old Church } New Church. }	3	Auchterhouse.	1
		Strickmartine.	1
Kinnaird.	1	Liffe.	1
Abernyte.	1	Maines.	1
Inchsture and Roffie.	1	Murrayes.	1
Long-Forgon.	1	Teling.	1
Benvie.	1	Monikie.	1
Lundie and Foullis.	1	Monyfeith.	1

4. Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick.* Ministers 11.

Aberbrothwick, St. Vigen's	1	Panbride.	1
	1	Kinnell.	1
Aberelliot.	1	Kirkden.	1
Carmylie.	1	Barrie.	1
Lunan.	1	Guthrie.	1
Inverkeilor.	1		

5. Presbytery of *Breichen.* Ministers 18.

Breichen.	2	Edzel.	1
Carraldston.	1	Lochlee and Lathnot.	1
Ferne	1	Naver.	1
Farnall.	1	Strickathrow.	1
Kinnaird.	1	Othlay.	1
Craig	1	Menmuir.	1
Montrose.	2	Marytoun, or Old Montrose }	1
Dun.	1		
Logie-Perth.	1		

6. Presbytery of *Fordoun.* Ministers 13.

Fordoun.	1	Garvot.	1
Mary-Kirk.	1	St. Cires.	1
Laurence-Kirk.	1	Fettercairn.	1
Arbuthnot.	1	Kinneff and Caterline.	1
Bervie.	1	Dunnottar.	1
Glenbervie.	1	Fetteresso.	1
Benholm.	1		

X. The Provincial Synod of *Aberdeen*. Eight Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Aberdeen*. Miniſters 23.

Aberdeen Old Church, N. Chur.	4	Fintrie.	1
Old Machar	2	Belhelvie.	1
Drummaik.	1	New-Machar.	1
Peter-Coulter.	1	Newhills.	1
Mary-Coulter.	1	Nigg.	1
Banchory.	1	Kintore.	1
Skeen.	1	Futtie.	1
Kinnellar	1	Duires.	1
Dyce.	1	Principal of K.'s College.	1
		Profeſ. of Divinity there.	1

2. Presbytery of *Kincardine*. Miniſters 15.

Kincardine O Neil.	1	Glengarden, Tulloch, and Glenmuick.	3
Tarlane & Migvie.	1		
Colſtoun and Logymar.	1	Midmar.	1
Coull.	1	Kinnarie.	1
Aboyne and Glentanner.	1	Echt.	1
Birſs.	1	Clunie.	1
Lunfannan.	1	Banchory-Upper.	1
Crathie and Kindrochit.	1	Strachan.	1

3. Presbytery of *Alford*. Miniſters 16.

Alford	1	Kairn.	1
Touch.	1	Forbes.	1
Cuſhney.	1	Keig.	1
Lochell.	1	Clait.	1
Tilleneſſe.	1	Glenbucket.	1
Kinnethmount.	1	Cabrach.	1
Kildrummie.	1	Towie and Kinbetheck.	1
Auchindore.	1	Strathdon.	1

4. Presbytery of *Garioch*. Miniſters 15.

Chapel of Garioch.	1	Bethelney & Old Meldrum.	2
Leſſie.	1		
Premney.	1	Bourtie.	1
Inch.	1	Monkegay.	1
Culſamon.	1	Kinkell.	1

Rayne.

Rayne.	1	Inverury.	1
Oyn.	1	Kemnay.	1
Daviot.	1	Monymusk.	1

5. Presbytery of *Ellon.* Miniſters 8.

Ellon.	1	Udney.	1
Cruden.	1	Tarves.	1
Slaines.	1	Methlick.	1
Foverane.	1	Logy-Buchan.	1

6. Presbytery of *Deer.* Miniſters 13.

Deer.	1	Longmay.	1
Peterhead.	1	Crimond.	1
Longſide.	1	Tyrie.	1
Streechan.	1	Aberdour.	1
Frazersburgh.	1	Pitſligo.	1
Raithen.	1	St. Fergus.	1
Auchreedy.	1		

7. Presbytery of *Turreff.* Miniſters 11.

Turreff.	1	Forgue.	1
Drumblade.	1	Inverkeithnie.	1
Fyvie.	1	Ghæmrie.	1
King-Edward.	1	Alva.	1
Monwheeter.	1	Forglen.	1
Auchterleſs.	1		

8. Presbytery of *Fordice.* Miniſters 7.

Fordice.	1	Cullen.	1
Bamff.	1	Deskfoord.	1
Boynie.	1	Ordiwhile.	1
Raffan.	1		

XI. The Provincial Synod of *Murray.* Five Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Strathbogie* or *Keith.* Miniſters 14

Keith.	1	Gartlay.	1
Mortlich.	1	Bellie.	1
Kinnore & Dumbanen.	1	Rothiemay.	1
Rynnie & Effie.	1	Grange.	1

Botary & Cairnie.	1	Mannor or Aberchirder.	1
Glaſs.	1	Aberlour.	1
Botriffnie.	1	Boharm.	1

2. Presbytery of *Abernethie.* Miniſters 9.

Abernethie.	1	Cromdall.	1
Skiralvie.	1	Inverawin.	1
Laggan.	1	Kirkmichael.	1
Kinguiſſie.	1	Knockando.	1
Duthell.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Elgin.* Miniſters 14.

Elgin.	2	Dipple.	1
Alves.	1	Longbride.	1
Spynie.	1	Birney.	1
Duffus.	1	St. Andrew's.	1
Kinneddar.	1	Rothes.	1
Effil.	1	Dundorcus.	1
Urquhart.	1		

4. Presbytery of *Forres.* Miniſters 10.

Forres.	1	Aldearn.	1
Rathard.	1	Calder.	1
Eddinkilly.	1	Kinloſs.	1
Dyke.	1	Ardclath.	1
Nairn.	1	Dallas.	1

5. Presbytery of *Inverneſs.* Miniſters 12.

Inverneſs, Lowland Ch. Highland Ch.	3	Abertarff & Bolaskine.	1
		Kiltarlatie.	1
Pettie.	1	Stratherick.	1
Croy.	1	Duriſs.	1
Daviot & Dunlichty.	1	Kirkhill.	1
Moy & Dalaraffie.	1		

XII. The Provincial Synod of *Roſs* and *Sutherland.* Four Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Chanonrie.* Miniſters 9.

Chanonrie & Roſemarkney.	1	Killurnan.	1
		Cromerty.	1
Redcaſtle.	1	Cullicuden.	1

Suth-

Suddie.	1	Killiemuir Easter.	1
Avach.	1	Arderfier.	1

2. Presbytery of *Dingwall.* Ministers 13.

Dingwall.	1	Kilmorock.	1
Alnes.	1	Kintail.	1
Kiltearn.	1	Lochbroom.	1
Foddertie.	1	Lochcarron.	1
Contin.	1	Garloch.	1
Urray & Gilchrist.	1	Lochaish.	1
Urquhart.	1		

3. Presbytery of *Tayne.* Ministers 9.

Tayne.	1	Nigg.	1
Kincardine.	1	Logie-Easter.	1
Eddertoun.	1	Killimuir-Easter.	1
Tarbat.	1	Roskeen.	1
Fearn.	1		

4. Presbytery of *Dornock.* Ministers 9.

Dornock.	1	Clein.	1
Creich.	1	Loth.	1
Golspie.	1	Rildonon.	1
Lairg.	1	Affint.	1
Rogort.	1		

XIII. The Provincial Synod of *Caithness* and *Orkney.* Three Presbyteries.

1. Presbytery of *Caithness* or *Thurso.* Ministers 12.

Thurso.	1	Bowar.	1
Leathern.	1	Wattin.	1
Diurnes.	1	Olrig.	1
Farr.	1	Dunnet.	1
Reay.	1	Wick.	1
Halkrig.	1	Cannisby.	1

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2. Presbytery of *Kirkwall.* Miniſters 12.

Kirkwall & S. Ollay.	2	Firth & Stenneſs.	1
South-Ronaldſhey and Burray.	1	Walls & Flotta.	1
Holm.	1	Hoy & Gramſey.	1
Deerneſs & St. Andrew's.	1	Stromneſs & Sandwich.	1
Orphire.	1	Birſay & Harray.	1
		Evie & Rendal.	1

3. Presbytery of *North-Iſles*, or *Eaddy.* Miniſters 6.

STronſay & Edday.	1	Croſskirk, Burneſs & North-Ronaldſhey.	1
Shappinſhey.	1		
Rowſey & Eagleſhey.	1	Lady-Pariſh.	1
Weſtray and Papay.	1		

Presbytery of *Zetland*, or *Lerwick.* Miniſters 12.

LErwick.	1	South & North Deltings.	1
Tingwall. Whitneſs & Weſdale.	1	Northmaving, Ollay, Berry, Heſweek & Aiſhmues.	1
Donroſneſs Cunigſberg, Sandwich, and Fairiſle.	1	Neſting, Lenaſting, Whalſey & Skerries.	1
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